#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC. and ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY

Plaintiffs,

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FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC

Defendant.

NO. 06-412

AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL J.
GUNTER IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANT FISHER'S SURREPLY TO PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR ENTRY OF
MONEY JUDGMENT AND
MOTION TO AMEND OR ALTER
JUDGMENT

STATE OF WASHINGTON	)	
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County of King	)	

I, DANIEL J. GUNTER, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

I am one of the attorneys representing defendant Fisher Controls International, LLC, in the above matter. I am competent to attest as to the matters set forth herein, and I make this affidavit based on my personal knowledge.

- 1. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the "Order history regarding 12" Fisher A11 valve that was supplied to Praxair".
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the first page of the Northeast Controls Purchase Order Review Guidelines.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Albert Cappellini taken on December 12, 2003.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of a letter from Christopher Konzelmann, dated April 21, 2004, to Thomas Wagner.

- Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the 5. deposition of Albert Cappellini taken on April 30, 2004.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the first page of the Northeast Controls, Inc. Quality Manual.
- Attached hereto is as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of the Answers of 7. Plaintiffs, Northeast Controls, Inc. and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company To Defendant Fisher Controls International, LLC's First Discovery Requests.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of a letter from Daniel J. Gunter, dated January 29, 2007, to Thomas Wagner enclosing Defendant Fisher Controls International, Inc.'s Responses to "Answers Of Plaintiffs, Northeast Controls, Inc. And St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company To Defendant Fisher Controls International, LLC's First Discovery Requests".
- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of Northeast Controls, Inc.'s Responses And Objections To Defendant's First Discovery Requests.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of an E-mail from Daniel 10. Gunter, dated June 6, 2007, to J. Scott Shannon forwarding a page from the Northeast Controls website.
- 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of Northeast Controls, Inc.'s Answers And Responses To Defendant's First Requests For Admissions Directed To Northeast Controls.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of the August 23, 2007 12. report of Gerard Muller.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of Defendant's Motion To 13. Compel Depositions Of Michael Peters and Albert Cappellini.
  - Attached hereto as Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of the August 30, 2007 14.

report of David P. Pope.

- 15. Attached hereto as Exhibit 15 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Michael J. Peters taken on October 22, 2007.
- 16. Attached hereto as Exhibit 16 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Albert Cappellini taken on October 24, 2007.
- 17. Counsel for Fisher took the lead in defending the underlying action until Fisher was dismissed. Counsel for Fisher noted the bulk of the depositions, took the lead in questioning at the depositions, conducted the vast majority of the document discovery (including many days spent reviewing documents in Houston and Philadelphia), drafted multiple motions to compel, and drafted the motions that led to the dismissals of Fisher in all four actions. Counsel for Fisher also drafted briefing for filing by Northeast Controls' attorneys in the underlying action, worked to set up testing of an exemplar valve by one of its retained experts, and worked with another expert to test the valve artifacts to determine the materials of construction of the valve's seat.
- 18. During the course of the underlying action, St. Paul's attorneys admitted to counsel for Fisher that St. Paul had instructed its attorney to let Fisher take the lead.
- 19. St. Paul's counsel initially agreed to produce Northeast Controls' employees Bert Cappellini and Michael Peters for deposition without raising any objection. Having agreed to the depositions, St. Paul's attorney later refused to produce the witness on the basis that the witnesses could not be produced during the pendency of Fisher's motion to amend its counterclaim. Fisher was forced to file a motion to compel the production of those witnesses.
- 20. Attached hereto as Exhibit 17 is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from Northeast Controls' claims file, with notation by Jeffrey W. Frock dated September 15, 2006.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 2008.

Printed Name: Alissa B. Panzer

Notary Public, State of Washington

Residing at Herritannia My commission expires: 3-8-11

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

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Order history regarding 12" Fisher A11 valve that was supplied to Praxair.

Below you will find a complete summary of what I recall regarding how the 12" Fisher All valve was spec'd and supplied to Praxair. But first I will explain a little bit about the process that we go through with Praxair on how valves are spec'd and quoted. To generate a valve spec sheet it has to be done in the Fisher sizing program, which Praxair has at their facility. The way the process works is that Praxair will supply us with the service conditions and any other information related to a valve and the application. They go into the sizing program adding all the process conditions associated with the valve. Once they have done that they run the program and get a Cv, a valve coefficient, which determines what size valve to use. They then go into the ISA spec sheet section of the program and begin adding information on each line that is required so we can properly select a valve. Once Praxair has done that they either would fax or electronically send us a spec sheet or file for that valve. We then take that information they have sent us and begin to go through the sizing and spec sheets properly selecting the correct control valve. We then complete the ISA spec sheet and then either fax it or electronically send it back to Praxair for their review. If there were any changes that need to be done they then. would send it back to us for our review and to make any necessary changes. Depending on the complexity of the application for the valve there could be many changes that might take place. Once this process is completed Praxair then signs off on the completed spec sheet and assigns a drawing number to it so it can be purchased.

Here is what I recall on how the 12" valve got spec'd and ordered. Back in May of 1998 Praxair had faxed to me an ISA spec sheet with process conditions on it and also a few lines filled in on the spec sheet. They had requested a 10" size valve and specified that it was going to be used for high-pressure oxygen. I had remembered that I had done a similar valve in 1997 for a Praxair project in Italy and it had virtually the same service conditions. I then proceeded to look at that valve construction for that project and duplicated it for this project. Knowing that I had talked to Fisher back then about the process conditions and that they had OK'd it before so I used the same construction for this new valve. From a spec sheet dated 5/14/98 it looks like I had given Praxair a spec sheet with the following construction. It was for a 10" Hastelloy C valve with Hastelloy C trim and a PTFE seat. On 5/27/98 a change was made to the spec sheet making the trim material Monel and with the body being Hastelloy C not sure why this change was made only thinking Praxair had requested it and a change was made to the spec sheet. On 6/3/98 Praxair had requested that the valve be changed to a 12" size valve. I than proceeded to change the spec sheet making it a 12" valve with the same construction as the previous 10" size. On 6/18/00 I had requested from Fisher pricing for the following valve per Posi seal matrix number A11-12-151-CB743-31-3-00 which is a Hastelloy C body, Hastelloy C disk, Inconel 718 shaft, TFE composite bearings and Tefzel seal. This construction does not match what was on the spec sheet for the 12" valve dated 6/3/00. Not sure why the difference I can only think that I had requested a duplicate valve to what I had done on the previous project in Italy and also what was going to be supplied for a different application but same process conditions on this project. This valve was a



4" valve and it was spec'd and constructed with a Hastelloy C body and trims. This valve construction was also signed off by Praxair and purchased.

After the 12" valve specification sheet was approved and signed off by Praxair an order then was placed on Northeast Controls, Inc. on June 24th 1998 for this valve. An order then was sent into Fisher Controls. The order went through Fisher Marshalltown order entry system and was detailed per what we had requested on the order and a serial card was generated. The order was then sent to Fisher North Stonington for manufacturing and was looked at by engineering there. That is when Fisher North Stonington had come back to me and had requested that the seat be changed from a Tefzel material to the Kel-F material. I don't recall if the process conditions were talked about with Fisher engineering or not. They said the reason for this change was that the Tefzel seat is not compatible to oxygen and the Kel-f would be better seat in this application. This was done per the request of Dave Whelan at Fisher North Stonington. The seat change was also done to the 4" valve that is currently at the Praxair site. I then proceeded to change the seat material to Kel-F on my spec sheet that I had in my computer and not sure if this was relayed back to Praxair or not regarding the seat change. Because the last copy they had was with a Monel/PTFE seat and Monel trim.

**EXHIBIT 2** 

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## NORTHEAST CONTROLS GUIDELINES

Subject: PURCHASE ORDER REVIEW

Document #: G0007

Revision 6: August 7, 2002

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## PURCHASE ORDER REVIEW GUIDELINE

- All customer Purchase Orders, whether mailed, faxed, verbal, or EDI, must be reviewed by an Inside Person or Sales Associate.
- All Purchase Orders should be reviewed against the quotation and for the following, as appropriate:
  - Purchase Order Number
  - Vendor (e.g. Northeast Controls, Inc., Fisher Controls International, Inc. c/o Northeast Controls)
  - Bill To and Ship To Addresses, shipment method, requested date, F.O.B. point
  - Type or part numbers, quantities, and prices
  - Payment terms and tax status
  - Special requirements (tagging, mark packages,
- If the customer requests an acknowledgment by any method (signed copy, fax back, telephone call, acknowledge by exception only), provide it.
- If a verbal Purchase Order is given, request a confirming Purchase Order.
- If a confirming Purchase Order is received after an order is entered, it must still be reviewed. If the customer requests acknowledgment of the confirming Purchase Order, it must be acknowledged.
- Any discrepancies found during Purchase Order review must be resolved with the customer.

## NORTHEAST CONTROLS GUIDELINES

Subject: PURCHASE ORDER REVIEW

Document #: G0007

Revision 5: SEPTEMBER 13, 1994

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**EXHIBIT 3** 

# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

RONALD W. OLSON, and CAROL OLSON, his wife,

) CONFIDENTIAL

Plaintiffs.

) Civil Action No. ) 02C-04-263 (JRS)

v.

MOTIVA ENTERPRISES L.L.C.;
BATTAGLIA MECHANICAL, INC.;
FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL,
INC.; HYDROCHEM INDUSTRIAL
SERVICES, INC.; JJ WHITE, INC.;
NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC.;
PARSONS ENERGY AND CHEMICALS
GROUP, INC.; PRAXAIR, INC.; TEXACO
AVIATION PRODUCTS LLC; DAIKIN
INDUSTRIES, LTD.; SAINT-GOBAIN
PERFORMANCE PLASTICS; RIX
INDUSTRIES, INC.; TEXACO GLOBAL
GAS AND POWER; TEXACO
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;
GARY DELGREGO,

Defendants,

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

ν.

CONECTIV OPERATING SYSTEMS,

Third-Party Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF BERT M. CAPPELLINI

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<b>.</b> .	BERT M. CAPPELLINI,
16	the deponent herein, having first been
17	duly sworn on oath, was examined and
18	testified as follows:
19	EXAMINATION
20	BY MR. KELLER:
21	Q. Sir, could you state your full name for the
22	record, please?
23	A. Bert Cappellini.
24	Q. Could you spell your last name?

- A. Well, based on an ANSI 600 pound valve requested, there are ANSI temperature and pressure charts for different materials that would fall under that.
- Q. And would you be the person to go to those charts and then recommend to the customer you're going to need to use X, Y, Z type of flange with this or do you leave that up to the customer?
- A. Well, we have in Fisher catalogs there are those charts listed, pressure and temperatures, and you go back to the customer and say this pressure and temperature for this material will not fit into this rating; you have to go to a different material or something, a different rated flange.
- Q. Let's ask specifically now for the 629 valve. Do you recall having that discussion with anybody?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Who did you have that discussion with?
- 19 A. With Bhim Bhakoo.
  - Q. And what did you guys discuss?
  - A. What I recall was him requesting an ANSI 600 class valve and having 1300 pounds pressure at that temperature and knowing it was oxygen and looking at a Monel material will not fit the ANSI pressure chart at

1	600.
2	Q. Okay. And what did Mr. Bhakoo say in response
3	to that?
4	MR. McVEY: I object to the form.
5	I'm just objecting.
6	MR. KELLER: That's a fair objection.
7	BY MR. KELLER:
8	Q. What did you discuss next?
9	A. Logical discussion would be that if you need an
10	ANSI 600 class valve, you don't want to go any higher,
11	then you have got to go to a different material of
12	construction to meet those pressures and temperatures.
13	Q. And what resolution, if any, did you and
14	Mr. Bhakoo reach at the end of your discussion on this
15	point?
16	A. That a Hastelloy C material for the body would
17	be used.
18	Q. Did you speak with Mr. Bhakoo at all about the
19	types of material that might be used in the flange?
20	A. No.
21	Q. Do you typically talk about that with your
22	customers?
23	A. No.

Have you ever talked about that with your

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A. No.

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- Q. Line 24, Flg, which I'm going to assume is
- 4 | flange, face finish and it says ANSI B16.5-81. Is
- 5 | that information that you put into the program?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. How do you make the determination of what that value is going to be?
- 9 A. That's based on a flange finish that meets an 10 ANSI rating.
- Q. How does your determination of that finish tie into the other pieces of information on this sheet, if it does at all?
- 14 A. It doesn't really.
- Q. Does the flange finish, do you know if whether or not a flange is going to be used in oxygen service has any impact on the appropriate types of finish on the flange?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. You don't know or you know it does not?
- 21 A. I believe it doesn't.
- Q. Line 26, flow direction, it says shaft upstream. What does that mean?
- 24 A. What that means is it's when the valve is

1	positioned in the pipeline that if you look at a valve
2	and how it's mated to a disk, the shaft would be more
3	protruding upstream of the valve than it would be
4	downstream.
5	Q. And who makes the determination of I assume
6	the other option is downstream. Is that right?
7	A. Yeah. Well, you could have downstream,
8	depending on what type of valve it was. Now, that's
9	from Fisher catalogs that that information is taken
0	from.
1	Q. That's what I was trying to figure out. That
2	comes from the catalog?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. Based on the type of valve that you select?
5	A. Right.
5	Q. Okay. 27, it says bonnet type and in this
7	particular document it says extended. What does that
3	mean?
)	A. If it says extended, that means it would have
)	an extension bonnet on it.
	Q. What does an extension bonnet do?
	A. It would do if the valve was used in, say,

cold service, you would have to get the packing away

from the process that goes through the valve.

1	Q. Okay. Would you use an extension bonnet in
2	warm service?
3	A. If the temperature was high, real high.
4	Q. Is 300 degrees real high in your experience
5	working on these specs?
6	A. No. No.
7	Q. Line 29, packing material, it says single TFE.
8	Where do you get that information from?
9	A. That comes right from the product, you know,
10	Fisher product bulletin catalog.
11	Q. Okay. So it's something again where once you
12	select the type of valve, it's going to tell you the
13	packing material?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Is that the same for the entry packing type?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Let's skip down a little bit. Line 36 says
18	rated and there are entries for Cv, Fl and Xt.
19	Do you know what those different
20	categories mean?
21	A. Yes.
.22	Q. What does Cv mean? Is that the same as Cv in
23	line 9? Not the same number but the same meaning?
24	A. Yes.

1	Q. And what does the 2831 signify?
2	A. That's the maximum Cv published by Fisher
3	catalog for a 12-inch butterfly.
4	Q. And how about F1?
5	A. Those are flow coefficients that are published
6	by Fisher when doing calculations.
7	Q. And that's something again that you're pulling
8	out of a catalog or out of a bulletin?
9	A. Correct. Both.
10	Q. How about Xt?
11	A. The same thing.
12	Q. And what does Xt mean?
13	A. I believe that's the pressure recovery factor.
14	Q. The next four lines are for disk material, seat
15	material, guide material and stem material. The
16	information on each of those entries, is that
17	something that you select?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. And let's start with line 37 for disk material.
20	How do you determine what type of material you're
21	going to put in that line?
22	A. That material is based on what valve is
23	selected, the body material that was selected, you
24	know, what the trim requirement is because of being

1 take a break? 2 MR. KELLER: That's fine. 3 (A brief recess was taken.) 4 MR. WAGNER: Before we proceed, the 5 witness during the break asked me to clarify on the record that his understanding of the questions that he 6 7 was being asked following the lines in Exhibit 118 8 were about his general practice, not necessarily about 9 what occurred with this specific valve in this case. 10 MR. KELLER: That was my intent at this 11 stage. 12 MR. WAGNER: Thank you. BY MR. KELLER: 13 14 Mr. Cappellini, after you would complete an ISA 15 like what's in Exhibit 118, what would you do with it? 16 We would send it off to a customer. À. 17 Q. Would you send a copy off to Fisher? 18 Α. No. 19 Would you print out a copy for yourself? Q. 20 Α. Yes. 21 And where would you put that copy? Ο. 22 It would be kept with the quote that might have A. 23 been sent with the valve. 24 Q. Do you generally keep for each valve that you

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- Q. The procedures, general procedures and information that you provide as an inside sales rep, would your completion of the document or who you may talk to about things differ any when you became an account manager in terms of filling out the ISA sheet?
  - A. I'm not sure what you mean.
  - Q. I'll ask a better question.

As an account manager you traveled and you went on site, correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. What other than that is different between being an outside sales manager or an outside account manager and an inside sales rep?
- A. Well, being an outside account manager you didn't get into this tedious doing spec sheets and things like that as much as the inside salesperson would, doing quotes.
- Q. Would you ever complete spec sheets as an outside sales rep?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Do you recall if you prepared spec sheets in

1	connection with the belaware city project?
2	A. Yes, I did.
3	Q. And when you completed those sheets or you
4	completed a first draft of one of those sheets, would
5	you send it to someone at Praxair?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And who would you send it to?
8	MR. WAGNER: Just to clarify, who would he
9	or who did he in fact?
10	Q. The reason I didn't say did is I'm not speaking
11	about a specific valve now, but let's just talk about
12	valves that you were working on for the Delaware City
13	project when you completed an ISA sheet for a
14	particular valve.
15	MR. WAGNER: You understand we're now
16	talking about that specific project?
17	Q. That specific project but not a specific valve
18	within the project just yet.
19	MR. WAGNER: Okay.
20	Q. So when you were working on that project and
21	you completed a draft of an ISA sheet, who at Praxair
22	would you send the sheet to?
23	A. Bhim Bhakoo.
24	Q. And how would you convey that information to

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- A. Working with Bhim, it could have been faxed or a lot of times I believe they were just hand delivered.
- Q. And how would you hand deliver an ISA sheet to Mr. Bhakoo?
- A. I would set up an appointment to go over and see him and we would sit down, we would go through and I would give him the spec sheets, completed ones that I had completed.
- Q. When you faxed an ISA sheet to Mr. Bhakoo, did you normally include a fax cover sheet?
  - A. Normally, yes.
- Q. Do you know if Northeast Controls has a fax logbook or some type of document that would let us know what faxes have been sent from Northeast Controls on a given day?
  - A. No.
- Q. Do you keep all of your fax cover sheets in a certain location?
- A. It would be kept possibly with a quote that was done and then if that quote turned into an order it could eventually be the order file.
  - Q. If you sent an ISA spec sheet by way of fax and



- used a fax cover sheet, would you generally keep the cover sheet on the front of the spec sheet in your file?
  - A. No. Not -- no.
  - Q. What would you do with the fax cover sheet?
- A. It could be just within the rest of the papers that could be with that quote possibly.
  - Q. Are there times when you would throw out the cover sheet after you sent the fax?
  - A. No.

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- Q. When you would hand deliver spec sheets to Mr. Bhakoo, did you obtain any type of receipt or other written acknowledgment from Mr. Bhakoo to confirm that he had, in fact, received the document you were delivering?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you generally take notes during your meetings with Mr. Bhakoo?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. When you would meet with Mr. Bhakoo to discuss an ISA spec sheet, if you took notes of that meeting what would you do with those notes?
    - A. They could be kept with the file. They could be on scrap paper and thrown out.

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1	Q. Have you checked in connection with this
2	litigation to see if you had any of those types of
3	meeting notes relating to your conversations with
4	Mr. Bhakoo for the Delaware City project?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Did you find anything?
7 .	A. No.
8	Q. What happens next? You either fax or you meet
9	with Mr. Bhakoo and by way of fax or by way of meeting
0	you've let him know what you have in your ISA spec
1	sheet. What happens next?
2	A. Those spec sheets are left with him. He could
3	come back with questions marked up, you know, make
4	some changes, things like that.
5	Q. And if Mr. Bhakoo or on the occasions when
5	Mr. Bhakoo marked up the spec sheets, would he hand
7	you or fax you his markup?

- He could do that, yeah, he could fax it to me. Α.
- What other ways could he convey his comments to Q. you?
- If I went back and saw him a couple of days A. later, he had the sheet marked up and handed it to me.
- Did Mr. Bhakoo always hand you a hard copy of Q. his marked-up changes?

1	A. I wouldn't say always handed. Again, he could
2	have faxed it.
3	Q. That's a good clarification.
4	Did Mr. Bhakoo also provide you with a
5	copy of his marked-up changes?
6	A. I would say yes.
7	Q. Do you ever recall an occasion where Mr. Bhakoo
8	just provided you change information orally but didn't
9	actually hand you his marked-up comments?
10	A. That's possible. It could have happened.
11	Q. Do you recall, do you have a specific
12	recollection of that happening?
13	A. I don't know of a specific incident, but I've
14	had phone conversations with him requesting changes.
15	Q. If Mr. Bhakoo did provide you with his
16	handwritten comments on an ISA spec sheet, would you
17	put a copy of what Mr. Bhakoo handed to you in the
18	project file?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Did you check in connection with this
21	litigation to see if you had any marked-up spec sheets
22	from Mr. Bhakoo relative to the Delaware City project?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Did you find any?

1	A. Only what's in what I have supplied already. I
2	mean, he's given me there is some spec sheets
3	marked up with his handwriting on them.
4	Q. So whatever you found we should probably have?
5	A. Yeah.
6	MS. CLARK: If requested.
7	MR. KELLER: Okay.
8	BY MR. KELLER:
9	Q. If requested, we should have it?
10	A. Yeah.
11	Q. But you gathered it and gave it to somebody,
12	right?
13	A. Yeah.
14,	Q. Did you give that to Mike Peters?
15	A. I believe he has a copy of it.
16	Q. Okay. Am I correct that sometimes the back-
17	and-forth, am I correct that sometimes there might be
18	a back-and-forth between you and Mr. Bhakoo where
19	there's more than one round of changes?
20	A. Yes. Yeah.
21	Q. And then at some point I assume that the
22	decision is made that Mr. Bhakoo is happy with the
23	spec sheet as drafted. Is that right?
24	A. Yes.

- And how does he convey that to you? Q.
- 2 Well, he would on a spec sheet check off that Α. he's checked it or approved it or whatever and then if 3 he sent that in with an order, but he wouldn't come 4 5 back and just say this valve is okay and then do nothing with it, not order it or nothing. It usually 6
  - Let me try to break that down.

Between the time you first speak with Mr. Bhakoo about a particular valve and the time that he approves it, are you having conversations with Fisher about the valve while it's in process?

Α. Not normally.

comes with an order.

- After Mr. Bhakoo approves of a spec sheet, do you send that approved spec sheet to Fisher?
- A. No.
  - Do you ever send spec sheets to Fisher?
- 18 Α. Yes.

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  - When it goes through a particular group in Fisher called the specials group. If they're building a special valve, they request a completed spec sheet.
    - Who's in the specials group at Fisher? Q.
      - Α. A gentleman called John McKeever. There's many

1	other people in it. I just can't recall their names.
2	Q. Do you know a gentleman at Fisher named David
3	Whelan?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Do you know if Mr. Whelan is in the specials
6	group?
, <b>7</b>	A. No.
. 8	Q. He is not in the specials group?
9	A. He's not in the specials group.
10	Q. Do you know a gentleman at Fisher named Gary
11	Boyle?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Is Mr. Boyle in the specials group?
14	A. No.
15	Q. Do you know what group Mr. Whelan is in?
16	A. Dave Whelan was in
17	Q. Whelan. I apologize. I'm sorry. I was
18	mispronouncing his name.
19	Mr. Whelan was in what group?
20	A. He was at the North Stonington facility where
21	he was in the engineering group there. The specials
22	group is located in Marshalltown, Iowa.
23	Q. Do you know what group Mr. Boyle was working

with?

1	MR.	McVEY:	Ι	object	to	the	form.
2	MR.	WAGNER:	Y	ou can	ans	wer.	

- A. I'm not sure what you...
- Q. Okay. As I understand it, you provide your ISA, the approved ISA spec sheet leads to an order form which a sales associate then types up which goes to the order clerks which they then put into the OPS system which then goes to Fisher. Is that a fair summary?
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- Q. After the order is transmitted electronically to Fisher, do you place a call to confirm that they got the order?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you typically receive a call confirming that they got the order?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Do you typically have discussions with Fisher about the order?
    - A. No.
  - Q. In a typical situation will you not speak with Fisher again before the valve is installed?
    - A. Usually no, we would not speak with them.
    - O. Let's look on Exhibit 131 at that matrix number

1 State of Delaware 2 New Castle County 3 4 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER 5 I, Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered Diplomate 6 Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that there came before me on the 12th day of December, 7 2003, the deponent herein, BERT M. CAPPELLINI, who was duly sworn by me and thereafter examined by counsel 8 for the respective parties; that the questions asked of said deponent and the answers given were taken down by me in Stenotype notes and thereafter transcribed by 9 use of computer-aided transcription and computer 10 printer under my direction. I further certify that the foregoing is a true 11 and correct transcript of the testimony given at said examination of said witness. 12 I further certify that I am not counsel, 13 attorney, or relative of either party, or otherwise 14 interested in the event of this suit. 15 16 17 Fetter, RDR Certification No. 100-RPR (Expires January 31) 18 19 DATED: 20 21 22 23

## **EXHIBIT 4**

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April 21, 2004

#### By Facsimile

Thomas Wagner, Esquire RAWLE & HENDERSON, LLP The Widener Building One South Penn Square Philadelphia, PA 19107

RE: Great American v. Northeast Controls, Inc. C.A. No. 02C-04-263 (JRS)

Dear Mr. Wagner:

My March 11, 2004 confirmed our settlement of this matter. I clarified the settlement terms in my March 21, 2004 e-mail. My April 1, 2004 e-mail requested the status of the settlement documents. We later agreed on the terms of the release. The Becht team members have started to return their files to me. I should have the signed document from Becht concerning confidentiality shortly.

Mr. Jacoby has agreed to voluntarily dismiss the Praxair affirmative claims. As my March 30, 2004 e-mail indicated, the sticking point appears to be the "with" or "without" prejudice language. The statute of limitations has expired. The distinction is therefore not relevant. Once Mr. Jacoby signs the stipulation of dismissal "without prejudice", he will not be able to refile and the case will be gone forever.

Mr. Jacoby's client is not receiving any money. Praxair is apparently agreeing to dismiss its affirmative claims so the parties can focus on the Olsen matter. He is now somewhat dismayed that the defendants in that litigation appear to be pointing the finger at Praxair when, with the Becht Engineering people out of the picture, defense counsel should simply sit back and let Mr. Robbins try to establish the factual predicate for viable claims.

It is crucial that we finalize the settlement documents immediately. Please forward the final copy of the release and stipulations of dismissal. I will e-mail the release to my client and have the signed document returned to you the following day. I will also sign and immediately return the stipulation of dismissal of the Great American litigation. I will have somebody hand deliver the Praxair stipulation to Mr. Jacoby for his signature. You will then have all documents, other than the signed Becht Engineering non-disclosure agreements, necessary to issue the settlement check. I will have the signed non-disclosure documents from the Becht people any day.

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We have exchanged several telephone messages and I truly appreciate your willingness to work with me in getting the final settlement paperwork completed. I would like to get that paperwork finalized prior to the April 26, 2004 conference. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

WHITE AND WILLIAMS LLP

By:

Christopher Konzelmann

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**EXHIBIT 5** 

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

RONALD W. OLSON, and CAROL OLSON, his wife,

) CONFIDENTIAL

Plaintiffs,

) Civil Action No. 02C-04-263 (JRS)

V.

MOTIVA ENTERPRISES L.L.C.; BATTAGLIA MECHANICAL, INC.; FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, INC.; HYDROCHEM INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC.; JJ WHITE, INC.; NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC.; PARSONS ENERGY AND CHEMICALS GROUP, INC.; PRAXAIR, INC.; TEXACO AVIATION PRODUCTS LLC; DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD.; SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE PLASTICS; RIX INDUSTRIES, INC.; TEXACO GLOBAL GAS AND POWER; TEXACO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;

Defendants,

GARY DELGREGO,

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

v.

CONECTIV OPERATING SYSTEMS,

Third-Party Defendant.

CONTINUED DEPOSITION OF BERT M. CAPPELLINI

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5	Industrial Services, Inc.						
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7	BERT M. CAPPELLINI,						
8	the deponent herein, having first been						
9	duly sworn on oath, was examined and						
10	testified as follows:						
11	EXAMINATION						
12	BY MR. RICHES:						
13	Q. Good morning, Mr. Cappellini. I was introduced						
14	earlier. I'm Joe Riches. I represent Praxair in this						
15	litigation.						
16	As long as my voice holds out, I will ask						
L 7	you some questions today and the same ground rules as						
18	your last session, which is where I would like to pick						
L9	up. I have made copies. I think at the time you were						
20	being questioned you sort of had Exhibit 118 and 131						
21	laid out in front of you. And with respect to 131, I						
22	believe the emphasis was on the matrix on the second						
23	page which is marked NEC135.						

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1	sheet for the 629 valve with Bhim Bhakoo's initials
2	approving it, did you go back and compare it to the
3	pricing matrix you prepared to see that they were
4	consistent?
5	A. No.
6	Q. Why not?
7	A. When this 118 was sent in, it usually comes in
8	with the order that Praxair sends in. Okay? I don't
9	prepare the order for Fisher. Someone else does that.
0	So if the document wasn't completely gone
1	through, then it wouldn't have been checked.
2	Q. You don't prepare the order and the order being
3	submitted to Fisher for the valve would be Exhibit
4	131? That would be the order form?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And someone other than you prepared this?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. And not to go over something that I'm sure you
9	were asked about earlier and I don't recall your
0	testimony, but is there any writing on Exhibit 131
1	that's attributable to you?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. That would be the matrix number?

1	Praxair's perspective they ordered a valve and
2	specifically the 629 valve and were expecting to
3	receive the 629 valve which, among other things,
4	included a Monel disk, a Monel/PTFE seat, a Monel
5	guide and a Monel stem?
6	MR. WAGNER: Objection. This witness
7	can't testify what Praxair is expecting or anything
8	from Praxair's perspective, which is what you asked
9 .	him.
10	MR. RICHES: All right. I will rephrase
11	the question.
12	BY MR. RICHES:
13	Q. The valve as ordered and delivered was
14	constructed with PTFE as the guide material. How was
15	that information relayed by Northeast to Praxair?
16	A. It would be by the spec sheet.
17	Q. The ISA data sheet?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. Now, what I need you to show me is the ISA data
20	sheet approved by Bhim Bhakoo that indicates that the
21	guide material that was used in the construction of
22	the 629 valve was PTFE and not Monel.
23	Do you have that?

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Q. So if that's the case with respect to a 12-inch valve, then somewhere in Northeast's records there should be a document that reflects a similar order for a 10-inch valve. Is that fair?

MR. McVEY: Objection to the form.

- A. An order?
- O. Yes.
- A. No. There was no order for a 10-inch valve.
- Q. Because that changed?
- 11 A. In the quoting process from 10 to 12.
- Q. And because of that the valve that was ordered was a 12-inch valve, not a 10-inch valve?
- A. Well, that's what Praxair ordered, a 12-inch valve.
  - Q. Praxair also ordered a valve with Monel disk,
    Monel seat, Monel guide and Monel stem and that's not
    what was requested from Fisher?
    - A. Correct.
  - Q. I am going to go to 119.

Exhibit 119 is an ISA data sheet relative
to the 629 valve and it indicates a revision of July
23 23, 1998. Is that correct?

A. Correct.

1	MR. RICHES: Then he can tell me he didn't
2	say that.
3	MR. WAGNER: Well, that's not a fair way
4	to ask questions as far as I'm concerned. You're
5	suggesting something to him that he didn't say and I
6	object to it.
7	MR. RICHES: That's fine. And my response
8	to that is that's what I thought he said. If I'm
9	wrong, he can now correct me.
10	BY MR. RICHES:
11	Q. Can you answer the question?
12	A. I don't even know what the question was.
13	Q. Let me try again.
14	You go through this whole process where
15	you get initial information and then there are
16	substantial changes made in the size and materials of
17	construction of the 629 valve from the point in time
18	when you first prepared the matrix for pricing
19	purposes until the final revised, the final, approved
20	ISA data sheet was prepared.
21	What I want to know is in ordering the
22	valve why wasn't a matrix submitted to Fisher that
23	ordered a valve with the materials contained on
24	Exhibit 118, the final, signed approved ICA data

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A. I don't know. I don't know why the matrix is different than what's on 118. I don't know that.

I mean, you're asking me why wasn't it?

- O. Yes.
- A. I don't know why it's on there like that, on the 118.
  - Q. You don't know why --
- A. I mean, the conversations and the thought process and the things that went on for the 629 valve was never the trim that's on that spec sheet. It was the original matrix number that I submitted to Fisher.
  - Q. I understand that.
- A. But you're asking me why is it not the same? I don't know that.
- Q. Well, let me ask it this way: Should it have been? Should the matrix that was listed on Exhibit 131, page 2, should it have been different than the matrix that is on page 2 of Exhibit 131 considering the information on Exhibit 118?
- A. I mean, it would have been different. They are different, if that's what you're asking me. I mean, the matrix would have been different as to what's on the ISA data sheet.



- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. And the intent of the Moore volume booster at
- 3 least in part was to help meet that goal of closing in
- 4 less than one second, right?
- 5 A. Right. Because when they get the valve, it's
- fully opened because it sits with nothing on it so you
- 7 | give it air to close the disk on the seat.
- 8 Q. And that should help the valve reach its target
- 9 of less than one second to close?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. If you will flip back to Exhibit 118. 118, as
- 12 | you know, well know is the ISA data sheet for the 629
- 13 | valve, correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 | O. Am I correct that valve also had a stroke time
- 16 of less than one second?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 | O. Did you ever add a Moore volume booster to the
- 19 629 valve?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. Why not?
- 22 A. Well, these two particular valves if you looked
- 23 at, say, line 57 and 65, they are in the closed
- 24 | position, so this particular valve when it arrived

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- Q. And can you show me the ISA data sheet with respect to the 629 valve that reflects Praxair's approval of this change? Because I have not been able to find it.
  - A. I don't have it. I don't think there is one.
- O. Pardon me?
  - A. I haven't seen one, so I don't....
- Q. Until you received an ISA data form for the 629 valve that approved this revision, would it be fair to say that the valve material should not have been changed?
- A. No. Because there could have been a verbal from Praxair to make the change, it was okay and submit a new ISA data sheet for the record.
- Q. Well, is it the practice, sir, that when these kinds of changes are made even if there's a verbal approval that allows for the process, the manufacturing process to continue, that at some point approval of that change is going to be documented by Praxair?
  - A. I don't know that.
- Q. Well, in your dealings with Praxair in the situation where a valve has been ordered and there's

Q. And then if you follow through the progression
of e-mails going through reverse order, it looks like
that request makes its way to Mr. Richardson at Fisher
at some point that same day, June 24, 1998?
A. Yes.
Q. So would you agree with me, sir, that before
that matrix or that valve gets sent to Fisher, you
have the PO we looked at that was Exhibit 128?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. And you had the ISA spec sheet for the
629 valve that was in that purchase order, correct?

- Q. But it's your testimony that you didn't go back and cross-reference the purchase order against what
- was being transmitted to Fisher on June 24, 1998?
- A. Yes. I would have to say that, yes.
- Q. And then about a month later, give or take, you made the change to the 629 valve which you've told us is on Exhibit 119, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- Q. And that's where you made the change with the Kel-f soft seat, correct?
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from the factory it's in the closed position. So when this particular valve is with air on the actuator, just opening the valve, they don't require a speed in that direction, to open the valve.

So when a valve is fully open, now you want to get the air out of the actuator. And that's not done by a volume booster. You want to exhaust it out of there quickly, which is done by what we call a quick exhaust. It's got a big port, a big Cv to take that air out of there quickly.

- Cv, is that what's in line 9 on Exhibit 118? 0.
- That's a similar Cv, but that's a Cv for the valve itself. The device that could be on, that is on this actuator, that was on this actuator is a small device that has a Cv.
- Q. Is there something on this ISA data sheet that would allow me to cross-reference and confirm that?
- Down at the bottom where the standard notes are, if you looked at I believe note 18, 18 signifies a quick exhaust.
- Let me just check and then we will be able to move on.

Okay. Mr. Cappellini, was there a time when you told Mr. Bhakoo or anyone else at Praxair

1	that you had decided you were going to use the same
2	exact materials of construction for the 613 valve and
3	the 629 valve?
4	A. I mean, there were conversations that the
5	valves would be constructed the same.
6	Q. There were conversations that the valves would
7	be constructed identically the same?
8	A. Correct.
9	Q. With Mr. Bhakoo?
10	A. Yes. I would have to assume that. I don't
11	recall the exact conversations, but
12	Q. On your pricing sheet and I apologize for
13	jumping around. This is what happens when you go
14	second.
15	Exhibit 131. Am I correct that you
16	specified
17	MR. WAGNER: What exhibit are you on?
18	MR. KELLER: Exhibit 131, the pricing
19	sheet, pricing matrix.
20	BY MR. KELLER:
21	Q. Am I correct you specified a disk material of
22	Hastelloy B?
23	A. I would have to look up this matrix. I assume
24	that's what one of these numbers

1	Q. We did it last time. If you want to do it
2	again, we can cross-reference the matrix if you want
3	to be sure.
4	A. I mean, if that's what one of those numbers
5	signify, yes.
6	Q. So rather than make you go through the process,
7	let's assume I'm correct that what you told us last
8	time is the C is the body and the B is the disk
9	material.
10	Does that sound right?
11	A. Yeah, that sound correct.
12	Q. B would be Hastelloy B?
13	A. Correct.
14	Q. Am I correct what ultimately was constructed
15	was Hastelloy C in the disk?
16	A. That I looking at those other sheets, I
17	believe that's what that says.
18	Q. Do you recall having a discussion with Fisher
19	about changing the disk material from Hastelloy B to
20	Hastelloy C?
21	A. No.
22	Q. Do you recall sending documents to or from

either Fisher or Praxair about changing the disk

material from Hastelloy B to Hastelloy C?

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- Q. If you would like to cross-reference again to Exhibit 212, which is the document when you went back and checked to see what was in the valves. If you look on the second page, am I correct that the body and the disk for the 629 valve were constructed of the same material?
- A. On this sheet it appears that they are the same.
- Q. When you noticed that, did you do any investigation or try to figure out how it was that the disk turned out to be Hastelloy C instead of Hastelloy B?
- A. Again, I might have taken this information just from the serial card and didn't cross-reference it to a matrix number.
- Q. No. I understand that. I guess my question is: After you did that and you created this document, did you ever look and say wait a minute; that disk is Hastelloy C; I thought I said Hastelloy B and go and try to figure out how it was that that change had occurred?
- A. No, I didn't. Because I may not have actually realized it until your actually pointing it out now



- Q. Mr. Cappellini, since you and I last spoke have you had a chance to look at the transcript from your deposition from last time?
  - A. Yes, I did.

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- Q. Have you had a chance -- Tom, you can just tell me if it's coming -- to go through that and make any changes that you thought were necessary?
- A. I have been asked to do that, yes.
  - Q. And you haven't finalized that process yet?
- A. No. I don't think I feel like anything needs to be changed.
  - Q. Everything that was in there seemed accurate and correct?
    - A. Sure.
- 18 | Q. And truthful?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MR. KELLER: I have no further questions.
- 21 BY MR. HANDLON:
  - Q. Mr. Cappellini, my name is Joe Handlon. I represent Ron Olson in this matter. I've got a couple of quick follow-up questions.



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2	New Castle County )
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4	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
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6	I, Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that
7	there came before me on the 30th day of April, 2004, the deponent herein, BERT M. CAPPELLINI, who was duly
8	sworn by me and thereafter examined by counsel for the respective parties; that the questions asked of said
9	deponent and the answers given were taken down by me in Stenotype notes and thereafter transcribed by use
10	of computer-aided transcription and computer printer under my direction.
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12	and correct transcript of the testimony given at said examination of said witness.
13	I further certify that I am not counsel,
14	attorney, or relative of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this suit.
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# Northeast Controls Inc. Quality Manual

This Quality Manual sets forth the quality system policies and defines compliance with the ISO 9001-2000 requirements.



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## **EXHIBIT 7**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC.

CIVIL ACTION

3 Enterprise Avenue

Clifton Park

New York, NY 12065

NO. 1:06-CV-00412 (SLR)

ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY 385 Washington Street St. Paul, MN 55102

Plaintiffs,

v.

FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC, 205 S. Center Street Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Defendant.

## ANSWERS OF PLAINTIFFS, NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC. AND ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY TO DEFENDANT FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC'S FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Plaintiffs, Northeast Controls, Inc. and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, by and through their attorneys, Rawle & Henderson, LLP, hereby answer the discovery requests of Fisher Controls International, LLC as follows:

ANSWER: Jeff Frock, adjuster for St. Paul Companies.

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2. Identify all of your employees assigned to work on any file relating to any policy of insurance issued to Northeast Controls, including each such employee's job title and duties.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Furthermore, to the extent this interrogatory seeks information regarding policies of insurance that do not relate to the incident or underlying litigations, it is objected to because it is unreasonably cumulative and irrelevant and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and the burden and expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit.

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3. Identify all of your employees assigned to work on any file relating to the Underlying Actions, including each such employee's job title and duties.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this interrogatory seeks information which is not relevant, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

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Identify all files in your possession, custody, or control relating to your 4.

policy or policies of insurance issued to Northeast Controls.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "files" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information regarding policies of insurance that do not relate to the incident or underlying litigations, it is objected to because it is irrelevant and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object because it is unreasonably cumulative, and the burden and expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this interrogatory seeks documents subject to the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrines.

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5. Identify all files in your possession, custody or control relating to the Incident and/or the Underlying Action.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "files" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs object to this interrogatory to the extent it seeks information in these files which is subject to the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine. Subject to this objection, see all documents which were produced in the Underlying Actions, including, but not limited to, the Representative Agreement between Fisher Control International, Inc. and Northeast Controls, Inc., dated January 1, 2000, the confidential Joint Defense Privilege Agreement dated May 2005, and the expert report of Dr. Robert A. Mostello titled "Report on the Delaware City Explosion at the Delaware City, Delaware Facility of Motiva Enterprises on May 20, 2000" dated January 3, 2005.

policy or policies of insurance issued to Northeast Controls.

ANSWER: Objection. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information regarding policies of reinsurance that do not relate to the incident or underlying litigations, it is objected to because it is irrelevant and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object because it is unreasonably cumulative, and the burden and expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit.

#### REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

Produce all documents identified in your Initial Disclosures. 1.

All documents identified in Plaintiffs' Initial Disclosures are documents which have been produced in the Underlying Action. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents constituting your claims file for the Incident. 2.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production as to the ANSWER: use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents constituting your underwriting file relating to Northeast Controls and/or the Incident.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production as to the ANSWER: use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request to the extent it seeks information relating generally to Northeast Controls but not directly related to this Incident on the basis that it is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents relating to any adjustment of claims relating to the Incident.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to the extent this Request for Production ANSWER: seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents relating to any settlement or attempted settlement of any or all of the Underlying Actions or any other claim arising out of the Incident.

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Objection. Plaintiffs object to the extent this Request for Production ANSWER: seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents relating to any policy or policies of insurance that you 6. issued to or for the benefit of Northeast Controls for the period 1993 through 2006.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents relating to any policies of re-insurance relating to any 7. policy of insurance issued by you to Northeast Controls for the period 1993 through 2006.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents exchanged between you and any other party, including but 8. not limited to Northeast Controls or any re-insurer, relating to any reservation of rights relating to coverage for the Incident.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all documents relating to any analysis or assessment of Northeast Controls' or your exposure for damages or claimed damages arising out of the Incident.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

10. Produce all documents relating to any analysis or assessment of Northeast Controls' business practices at any time between January 1, 1993, and the present.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

11. Produce all documents relating to the involvement of Becht Engineering, Inc., in the Underlying Actions or in relation to the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the term "Becht Engineering, Inc." as it is undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

12. Produce any mediation letters or memoranda relating to the Incident, including but not limited to any mediation letters or memoranda provided to Vincent A. Bifferato by any party to the Underlying Action.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the term "Vincent A. Bifferato" as it is undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request to the extent it seeks information which is confidential and protected by the work-product doctrine. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which may have been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

- 13. Produce any and all correspondence or other documents relating to the Valve, the ASU, the DCPP, the DCPPRP, the Incident, or the Underlying Actions exchanged between you and any person or entity, including but not limited to the following:
  - i. Battaglia;
  - ii. Becht Engineering, Inc.;
  - iii. Vincent A. Bifferato;

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- iv. Conectiv;
- v. Cozen O'Connor;
- vi. Donald Davis;
- vii. Fisher;
- viii. Great American;
- ix. Hydrochem;
- x. J.J. White;
- xi. Joseph Handlon;
- xii. Richard Hohn;
- xiii. Hohn & Scheuerle;
- xiv. F. Warren Jacoby;
- xv. James Keller;
- xvi. Christopher Konzelmann;
- xvii. Mark Levy;
- xviii. Paul Lukoff;
- xix. Margolis Edelstein;
- xx. Motiva;
- xxi. The Olsons;
- xxii. Parsons:
- xxiii. Praxair;
- xxiv. Joseph Riches;
- xxv. Prickett, Jones & Elliott;
- xxvi. Randall Robbins;
- xxvii. Saul Levy LLP;
- xxviii. Texaco;
- xxix. Michael K. Tighe;
- xxx. Tighe, Cottrell & Logan, P.A.;
- xxxi. White & Williams LLP.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the use of the terms "Becht Engineering, Inc.; Vincent A. Bifferato; Cozen O'Connor; Donald Davis; Joseph Handlon; Richard Hohn; Hohn & Scheuerle; F. Warren Jacoby; James Keller; Christopher Konzelmann; Mark Levy; Paul Lukoff; Margolis Edelstein; Joseph Riches; Prickett, Jones & Elliott; Randall Robbins; Saul Levy LLP; Michael Tighe; Tighe, Cottrell & Logan,

Mark Levy; Paul Lukoli; Margolis Edelstein; Joseph Riches, Trickett, Joseph Riches, Trickett, Joseph Riches, Trickett, Joseph Riches, Trickett, Joseph Elliott; Randall Robbins; Saul Levy LLP; Michael Tighe; Tighe, Cottrell & Logan P.A.; and White & Williams, LLP" to the extent these terms are vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

14. Produce any and all documents relating to any other claims made on any policy of insurance issued by you to Northeast Controls during the period 1993 to the present.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce any and all correspondence and other documents exchanged by you and 15. any other insurer or insurers, or any re-insurer or re-insurers, relating to the Incident or any claim or lawsuit relating to the Incident.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce any and all documents relating to your document retention policy in 16. effect for the period 1993 to the present.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce all reports in your possession or control prepared by any and all experts 17. who will testify at the time of trial.

Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the ANSWER: extent that Plaintiffs have not yet retained any experts in this matter. Plaintiffs reserve their right to supplement this response as discovery continues. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

Produce the complete files relating to the opinions or testimony of any and all 18. experts who will testify at the time of trial.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent that Plaintiffs have not yet retained any experts in this matter. Plaintiffs reserve their right to supplement this response as discovery continues. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this request seeks information which is beyond the requirements of the applicable federal rules for expert information disclosure. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

19. Produce the curriculum vitae of any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent that Plaintiffs have not yet retained any experts in this matter. Plaintiffs reserve their right to supplement this response as discovery continues. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing answers to interrogatories are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Date: 1/5/07

**EXHIBIT 8** 





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January 29, 2007

#### VIA EMAIL, FAX, AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Thomas Wagner Rawle & Henderson LLP 1339 Chestnut St. One South Penn Square The Widener Building, 16th Floor Philadelphia PA 19107

Re: Northeast Controls, Inc. and St. Paul Mercury Ins. Co. v. Fisher Controls

International, LLC

U.S. Dist. Ct., D. Del., NO. 1:06-CV-00412 (SLR)

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I am writing to follow up on our telephone conversation of January 23 relating to St. Paul's responses to Fisher's first discovery requests.

As I indicated during that conversation, we were deeply surprised by and disapprove of those responses. You will recall that, during our telephonic conference with Judge Robinson, you informed her that you had a good working relationship with our firm during the pendency of the underlying actions. During those cases, we coordinated our work and drafted many—if not all—of the briefs that your office filed on behalf of Northeast Controls before Fisher's final dismissal from the Olson action.

I think that it is also important to consider the background of this matter. From the very beginning of the investigation of the explosion at the Delaware City Power Plant, the parties focused their attention on the glaring distinction between the specifications set forth on the purchase order provided by Praxair, Inc., for the 83HV0269 Valve ("the Valve") and the specifications for the Valve as provided by Northeast Controls's employee, Bert Cappellini. Within days of that incident, it had become clear that Praxair's purchase order specifications did not match the specifications provided by Mr. Cappellini to Fisher. From the beginning, the other interested parties—later, the plaintiffs and other co-defendants in the Underlying Actions—focused their attention on that discrepancy. From the beginning, Mr. Cappellini was unable to explain why the

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order that he placed with Fisher failed to conform with Praxair's purchase order. And from the beginning of the Underlying Actions it was clear that Fisher and Northeast Controls were defendants in those actions precisely because of Mr. Cappellini's failure to ensure agreement between Praxair's purchase order specifications and the specifications that he—acting as agent for Northeast Controls—supplied to Fisher.

Given that background, and given your acknowledgment to the Court that we had previously enjoyed a good working relationship, the discovery responses were a shock and disappointment. The responses provide precisely one piece of information—i.e., that Jeff Frock, a claims adjuster for the St. Paul Companies, answered or assisted in answering the Interrogatories. Other than that single piece of information, the answers to our interrogatories and requests for production fail to provide a single substantive piece of information.

The lack of responsiveness is astonishing. For example, St. Paul failed to produce even the policy of insurance that allegedly provided coverage to Northeast Controls in this matter. St. Paul failed to produce copies of any checks made in settlement of the <a href="Great American">Great American</a> or <a href="Olson">Olson</a> matters. In fact, St. Paul failed to produce any evidence that it had actually paid anything to anyone at any time in relation to the Underlying Actions.

St. Paul also interposed objections that lack any merit. For example, St. Paul claims to be unable to understand the term "file," as in this request and partial answer:

2. Produce all documents constituting your claims file for the Incident.

**ANSWER:** Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production as to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions.

Similarly, St. Paul pretends to be unable to understand terms such as "Becht Engineering, Inc.," "White & Williams LLP," and "Christopher Konzelmann," even though those entities and people—like all of the persons and entities referred to in our discovery requests—are well known to you. In fact, the Complaint in this matter refers to Becht Engineering and White & Williams. St. Paul could not have been confused about entities identified in its own allegations.

In short, the discovery responses were entirely inadequate. The inadequacy was even more remarkable in that St. Paul took an additional 30 days to respond to this discovery. When Ms. Monte Carlo requested an additional 30 days to respond to our requests, I did not anticipate that we would receive such a response. I assumed that the request was being made in good faith, and not in an attempt to gain additional time to serve a set of boilerplate objections and nonresponsive answers.

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You and I have scheduled a telephone conference for Tuesday, February 6, at 11:30 a.m. to conduct a Rule 37 conference in regard to these responses. In preparation for that conference, I am enclosing with this letter a detailed explanation of the inadequacies of St. Paul's responses. During our conference, I anticipate hearing from you that St. Paul will provide full and complete responses to our discovery requests no later than Friday, February 23.

Please note that we will expect substantive responses, not duplications of St. Paul's prior objections or the assertion of any new objections. In this regard, note that it is our position that St. Paul has waived all objections not made in its first set of responses and that additional objections—including objections alleging the existence of a privilege—cannot now be raised.

If we cannot reach agreement during that conversation, please be advised that we will request the Court's assistance in obtaining responses to our requests. Further, we will ask the Court to award costs and, if necessary, impose other sanctions.

I look forward to speaking with you on February 6. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or wish to speed up the time to St. Paul's service of its responses.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Gunter

RIDDELL WILLIAMS P.S.

Our File: 41155.00412

cc: Patrick D. McVey (w/ encl.)

Paul A. Bradley (w/ encl.)

Nancy Monte Carlo (w/ encl.)

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC., 3 Enterprise Avenue Clifton Park New York, NY 12065

ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY 385 Washington Street St. Paul, MN 55102

Plaintiffs,

ν.

FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC 205 S. Center Street Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

NO. 1:06-CV-00412 (SLR)

### DEFENDANT FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, INC.'S RESPONSES TO

#### "ANSWERS OF PLAINTIFFS, NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC. AND ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY TO DEFENDANT FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC'S FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS"

Counsel for Defendant Fisher Controls International, Inc. ("Fisher") provides this document to counsel for plaintiff St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company ("St. Paul") to provide a guide for the Rule 37 conference scheduled between those counsel for February 6, 2007. This

document includes the original requests made to St. Paul, St. Paul's answers to those requests, and Fisher's responses to those answers.

#### PLAINTIFFS' INITIAL STATEMENT

Plaintiffs, Northeast Controls, Inc. and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, by and through their attorneys, Rawle & Henderson, LLP, hereby answer the discovery requests of Fisher Controls International, LLC as follows:

FISHER'S RESPONSE: Defendant Fisher Controls International, LLC ("Fisher"), notes that these discovery requests were directed only to plaintiff St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company ("St. Paul"), not plaintiff Northeast Controls, Inc. ("Northeast Controls").

1. Identify all persons who answered or assisted in answering these Interrogatories and Requests for Production.

ANSWER: Jeff Frock, adjuster for St. Paul Companies.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: Fisher reserves its response to this Answer.

2. Identify all of your employees assigned to work on any file relating to any policy of insurance issued to Northeast Controls, including each such employee's job title and duties.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Furthermore, to the extent this interrogatory seeks information regarding policies of insurance that do not relate to the incident or

underlying litigations, it is objected to because it is unreasonably cumulative and irrelevant and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and the burden and expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit.

St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's assertion that it FISHER'S RESPONSE: does not understand the term "file" is not credible. St. Paul clearly understands that term. See, e.g., St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. Co. v. Heath Fielding Ins. Broking Ltd., No. 91-0748, 1996 WL 19028, \*3 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 17, 1996) (noting that "[t]hrough discovery, St. Paul obtained . . . Heath's internal files and the claims and underwriting files for the risks ceded to Farex and reinsured by St. Paul") (emphasis added).

St. Paul has failed to identify any employees who worked on files relating to the policy of insurance referenced by plaintiffs in paragraph 7 of the Complaint in this matter. Further, St. Paul's blanket assertions that the Interrogatory seeks information that is "unreasonably cumulative and irrelevant" do not constitute a proper basis for refusing to answer this Interrogatory. Nor has St. Paul identified any particular burden or expense involved in answering this Interrogatory. The information sought may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

3. Identify all of your employees assigned to work on any file relating to the Underlying Actions, including each such employee's job title and duties.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this interrogatory seeks information which is not relevant, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's assertion that it FISHER'S RESPONSE: does not understand the term "file" is not credible. Further, St. Paul's blanket assertion that the Interrogatory seeks information that is "irrelevant" does not constitute a proper basis for refusing to answer this Interrogatory. Nor has St. Paul identified any particular burden or expense involved in answering this Interrogatory. The information sought may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

4. Identify all files in your possession, custody, or control relating to your policy or policies of insurance issued to Northeast Controls.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "files" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information regarding policies of insurance that do not relate to the incident or underlying litigations, it is objected to because it is irrelevant and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object because it is unreasonably cumulative, and the burden and expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely

benefit. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this interrogatory seeks documents subject to the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrines.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's assertion that it does not understand the term "files" is meritless. St. Paul has failed to identify even a single employee who worked on files relating to the policy of insurance referenced by plaintiffs in paragraph 7 of the Complaint in this matter. Further, St. Paul's blanket assertion that the Interrogatory seeks information that is "unreasonably cumulative and irrelevant" does not constitute a proper basis for refusing to answer this Interrogatory. Nor has St. Paul identified any particular burden or expense involved in answering this Interrogatory. Finally, this Interrogatory does not seek "documents"; thus, St. Paul's objection that the "interrogatory seek[s] documents subject to the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrines" is without merit. The mere existence of any such files or documents is not privileged and is discoverable. The information sought may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

5. Identify all files in your possession, custody or control relating to the Incident and/or the Underlying Action.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the use of the term "files" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs object to this interrogatory to the extent it seeks information in these files which is subject to the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine. Subject to this objection, see all documents which were

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produced in the Underlying Actions, including, but not limited to, the Representative Agreement between Fisher Control International, Inc. and Northeast Controls, Inc., dated January 1, 2000, the confidential Joint Defense Privilege Agreement dated May 2005, and the expert report of Dr. Robert A. Mostello titled "Report on the Delaware City Explosion at the Delaware City, Delaware Facility of Motiva Enterprises on May 20, 2000" dated January 3, 2005.

St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's assertion that it FISHER'S RESPONSE: does not understand the term "files" is not credible. Further, St. Paul's objection to the Interrogatory "to the extent that it seeks information in these files which is subject to the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine" is without merit. This Interrogatory asks only that St. Paul identify relevant files, not disclose the information in those files. The mere existence of any such files or documents is not privileged, and the existence of those files is discoverable.

Identify all persons who provided policies of reinsurance relating to your policy or 6. policies of insurance issued to Northeast Controls.

ANSWER: Objection. To the extent this interrogatory seeks information regarding policies of reinsurance that do not relate to the incident or underlying litigations, it is objected to because it is irrelevant and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object because it is unreasonably cumulative, and the burden and expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul has failed to identify any reinsurers, including reinsurers who provided policies of reinsurance that relate to the Incident or Underlying Actions. Further, St. Paul's blanket assertion that the Interrogatory seeks information that is "irrelevant" does not constitute a proper basis for refusing to answer this Interrogatory. Nor has St. Paul identified any particular burden or expense involved in answering this Interrogatory. The information sought may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

## REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

1. Produce all documents identified in your Initial Disclosures.

ANSWER: All documents identified in Plaintiffs' Initial Disclosures are documents which have been produced in the Underlying Action. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: Fisher reserves its response to this Answer. Fisher notes, though, that Plaintiffs' Initial Disclosures fail to identify any documents showing proof of payment of any alleged damages.

2. Produce all documents constituting your claims file for the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production as to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's assertion that it does not understand the term "file" is not credible. Further, it is not credible that Northeast Controls produced all documents relating to the Incident that were contained in St. Paul's claims file(s). For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce any documents showing any communications between it and St. Paul; it did not produce any of St. Paul's internal documents relating to the claim; it did not produce any communications with counsel for the other parties to the Underlying Actions relating to the settlement of those actions; it did not produce prior drafts of the alleged settlement agreements attached as Exhibits H and I to the Complaint in this matter; it did not produce any communications with its own counsel and/or counsel for St. Paul that would have been copied to St. Paul; and it did not produce a copy of even a single canceled check showing that either Northeast Controls or St. Paul actually paid any monies to anyone. All such documents are responsive to this Request. All such documents are, or may be, relevant to determining the cause of plaintiffs' alleged damages.

If St. Paul insists on maintaining this objection, Fisher will move for summary judgment on the ground that there is no evidence that the plaintiffs actually incurred any losses.

3. Produce all documents constituting your underwriting file relating to Northeast Controls and/or the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production as to the use of the term "file" as it is vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request to the extent it seeks information relating generally to Northeast Controls but not directly related to this Incident on the basis that it is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's assertion that it does not understand the term "file" is not credible. Further, it is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce a single document that was printed on St. Paul's letterhead or that was otherwise identified as being a St. Paul document. Nor did Northeast Controls produce any documents showing that St. Paul communicated at all with Northeast Controls or any other person or entity. Nor did it produce any of St. Paul's internal documents showing that St. Paul had ever calculated any risk related to Northeast Controls or, for that matter, even issued a policy of insurance to Northeast Controls or collected a premium.

St. Paul's objection that the Request "is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence," "to the extent it seeks information relating generally to Northeast Controls" is without merit. St. Paul's underwriting file or files potentially contain documents analyzing Northeast Controls's business practices. Such documents may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

4. Produce all documents relating to any adjustment of claims relating to the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. It is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce any documents showing any communications between it and St. Paul; it did not produce any of St. Paul's internal documents relating to the claim; it did not produce any communications with counsel for the other parties to the Underlying Actions relating to the settlement of those actions; it did not produce prior drafts of the alleged settlement agreements attached as Exhibits H and I to the Complaint in this matter; it did not produce any communications with its own counsel and/or

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counsel for St. Paul; and it did not produce a copy of even a single canceled check showing that either Northeast Controls or St. Paul actually paid any monies to anyone. All such documents are responsive to this Request. All such documents are, or may be, relevant to determining the cause of plaintiffs' alleged damages.

If St. Paul insists on maintaining this objection, Fisher will move for summary judgment on the ground that there is no evidence that plaintiffs actually incurred any losses.

5. Produce all documents relating to any settlement or attempted settlement of any or all of the Underlying Actions or any other claim arising out of the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. It is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce a copy of even a single canceled check showing that Northeast Controls or St. Paul actually paid any monies to anyone. Further, Northeast Controls did not produce a copy of any communications with counsel for Great American Assurance Company or counsel for the Olsons relating to the settlement agreements attached as Exhibits H and I to the Complaint in this matter. Likewise, Northeast

Controls did not produce any prior drafts of those alleged settlement agreements; nor did it produce any written documents relating to any such prior drafts. Nor did Northeast Controls produce any internal communications, or communications with counsel for Northeast Controls and/or St. Paul, relating to these alleged settlements. All such documents are responsive to this Request. All such documents are, or may be, relevant to determining the cause of plaintiffs' alleged damages. All such documents should be produced.

If St. Paul insists on maintaining this objection, Fisher will move for summary judgment of dismissal as to any claims relating to the alleged settlements.

6. Produce all documents relating to any policy or policies of insurance that you issued to or for the benefit of Northeast Controls for the period 1993 through 2006.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. It is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce even the insurance

policy that St. Paul allegedly issued to Northeast Controls. St. Paul's insurance policies are relevant to plaintiffs' allegations in paragraph 7 of the Complaint. Further, those policies may lead to additional evidence relating to St. Paul's analysis of risks associated with Northeast Controls and thus may be relevant to, or lead to evidence relevant to, determining the cause of plaintiffs' claimed damages.

If St. Paul insists on maintaining this objection, Fisher will move for summary judgment on St. Paul's claim in this action on the ground that St. Paul was not obligated to defend and/or indemnify Northeast Controls.

7. Produce all documents relating to any policies of re-insurance relating to any policy of insurance issued by you to Northeast Controls for the period 1993 through 2006.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this Request for Production seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. It is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce even the insurance policy that St. Paul allegedly issued to Northeast Controls, much less any policies of reinsurance.

Documents related to policies of reinsurance may lead to additional evidence relating to St. Paul's or other insurers' analysis of risks associated with Northeast Controls, including analysis of Northeast Controls's business practices. Such documents may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

Produce all documents exchanged between you and any other party, including but 8. not limited to Northeast Controls or any re-insurer, relating to any reservation of rights relating to coverage for the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. In the Underlying Actions FISHER'S RESPONSE: Northeast Controls did not produce any documents prepared by St. Paul (or any of its employees or agents) or by any re-insurer (or any of its employees or agents). Such documents may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence.

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9. Produce all documents relating to any analysis or assessment of Northeast Controls' or your exposure for damages or claimed damages arising out of the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. It is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce any documents showing that either Northeast Controls or St. Paul had conducted any analysis or assessment of any exposure arising out of the Incident. It is not credible that St. Paul, at least, did not conduct any such analysis or assessment. Without any such analysis, St. Paul would not have been able to conclude that it should enter into the settlement agreements set forth in Exhibits H and I to the Complaint in this matter. All such documents—including but not limited to internal communications related to such an analysis and communications among or with counsel for St. Paul and/or Northeast Controls—relating to this issue are responsive to this Request and should be produced.

10. Produce all documents relating to any analysis or assessment of Northeast Controls' business practices at any time between January 1, 1993, and the present.

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ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. It is not credible that, in the Underlying Actions, Northeast Controls produced all documents responsive to this Request. For example, in the Underlying Actions Northeast Controls did not produce any documents showing that either Northeast Controls or St. Paul had conducted any analysis or assessment of Northeast Controls's business practices.

Further, St. Paul's assertion that this Request "seeks information which is not relevant" is not a valid ground for objecting to production of responsive documents. Similarly, St. Paul's assertion that this Request is not "reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence" is without merit. The documents sought may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining whether Northeast Controls's alleged damages were caused by its own negligence. All such documents should be produced.

11. Produce all documents relating to the involvement of Becht Engineering, Inc., in the Underlying Actions or in relation to the Incident.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the term "Becht Engineering, Inc." as it is undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's objection that "the term Becht Engineering, Inc.'... is undefined in the Definitions and Instructions" is not a valid objection, especially in light of the fact that St. Paul referred to "Becht Engineering, Inc." in its Complaint in this matter. See Complaint ¶ 47 & Ex. H at 2. St. Paul's assertion that it does not understand that term is without merit.

This Response is also inadequate because Northeast Controls did not produce in the Underlying Actions any documents relating to Becht Engineering, Inc. ("Becht"). Nor is it credible that St. Paul has only one document relating to Becht (i.e., the settlement agreement attached as Exhibit H to the Complaint). All documents relating to Becht—including but not limited to all communications within St. Paul, within Northeast ControlS, or between counsel for either of those parties and the parties themselves—are responsive to this Request and should be produced.

12. Produce any mediation letters or memoranda relating to the Incident, including but not limited to any mediation letters or memoranda provided to Vincent A. Bifferato by any party to the Underlying Action.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the term "Vincent A. Bifferato" as it is undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request to the extent it seeks information which is confidential and protected by the work-product doctrine. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which may have been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's objection that "the term Vincent A. Bifferato' . . . is undefined in the Definitions and Instructions" is not a valid objection. Counsel for plaintiffs was involved in at least one mediation before Vincent A. Bifferato. St. Paul's assertion that it does not understand that term is without merit.

St. Paul's objection "to this Request to the extent it seeks information which is confidential and protected by the work-product doctrine" is also without merit. The fact that a document is or may be "confidential" does not shield it from production. Further, any responsive documents provided to third parties are not confidential and must be produced.

This Response is also inadequate because Northeast Controls did not produce any responsive documents in the Underlying Actions. Northeast Controls presumably provided at least one mediation letter or memorandum to Mr. Bifferato in relation to that mediation. That document at least should be produced. In addition, if St. Paul has withheld any documents responsive to this Request on the basis of the work-product privilege, those documents should be identified on a privilege log.

- 13. Produce any and all correspondence or other documents relating to the Valve, the ASU, the DCPP, the DCPPRP, the Incident, or the Underlying Actions exchanged between you and any person or entity, including but not limited to the following:
  - i. Battaglia;
  - ii. Becht Engineering, Inc.;
  - iii. Vincent A. Bifferato;
  - iv. Conectiv;
  - v. Cozen O'Connor;
  - vi. Donald Davis;
  - vii. Fisher;
  - viii. Great American;
  - ix. Hydrochem;
  - x. J.J. White;
  - xi. Joseph Handlon;
  - xii. Richard Hohn;
  - xiii. Hohn & Scheuerle;
  - xiv. F. Warren Jacoby;
  - xv. James Keller;
  - xvi. Christopher Konzelmann;
  - xvii. Mark Levy;

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xviii. Paul Lukoff;
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xix. Margolis Edelstein;

XX. Motiva;

xxi. The Olsons;

xxii. Parsons:

xxiii. Praxair;

xxiv. Joseph Riches;

Prickett, Jones & Elliott; XXV.

xxvi. Randall Robbins;

xxvii. Saul Levy LLP;

xxviii. Texaco;

xxix. Michael K. Tighe;

Tighe, Cottrell & Logan, P.A.; XXX.

xxxi. White & Williams LLP.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the use of the terms "Becht Engineering, Inc.; Vincent A. Bifferato; Cozen O'Connor; Donald Davis; Joseph Handlon; Richard Hohn; Hohn & Scheuerle; F. Warren Jacoby; James Keller; Christopher Konzelmann; Mark Levy; Paul Lukoff; Margolis Edelstein; Joseph Riches; Prickett, Jones & Elliott; Randall Robbins; Saul Levy LLP; Michael Tighe; Tighe, Cottrell & Logan, P.A.; and White & Williams, LLP" to the extent these terms are vague and undefined in the Definitions and Instructions. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the

Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's Answer is inadequate. St. Paul's objection that the various terms are "vague and undefined" is without merit. All of these people or entities are well known to St. Paul through the Underlying Actions. Further, St. Paul incorporated the terms "Becht Engineering, Inc.," "Christopher Konzelmann," and "White and Williams, LLP" into the Complaint in this matter. See Complaint ¶ 47 & Ex. H at 2.

Further, it is not credible that Northeast Controls produced in the Underlying Actions all documents responsive to this Request. Counsel for Northeast Controls presumably engaged in negotiations with Christopher Konzelmann and/or White and Williams LLP, attorneys for Great American Assurance Company, in reaching the settlement agreement attached as Exhibit H to the Complaint. Further, counsel for Northeast Controls presumably engaged in negotiations with Randall Robbins and/or Joseph Handlon in reaching the settlement agreement attached as Exhibit I to the Complaint. Further, it is likely that, at the very least, there were cover letters to those agreements and drafts of those agreements. Further, there were, presumably, checks sent to counsel for Great American and counsel for the Olsons to effectuate those settlements. None of those documents were produced by Northeast Controls in the Underlying Actions.

If St. Paul continues to refuse to produce responsive documents, Fisher will move for summary judgment on the ground that there is no evidence of damages.

14. Produce any and all documents relating to any other claims made on any policy of insurance issued by you to Northeast Controls during the period 1993 to the present.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's objection that this Request seeks "information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence" is without merit. Responsive documents may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining the cause of Northeast Controls's alleged losses, including its business practices.

Further, it is not credible that Northeast Controls produced in the Underlying Actions all documents responsive to this Request. Northeast Controls did not produce any documents relating to other claims against it.

15. Produce any and all correspondence and other documents exchanged by you and any other insurer or insurers, or any re-insurer or re-insurers, relating to the Incident or any claim or lawsuit relating to the Incident.

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ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's objection that this Request seeks "information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence" is without merit. Responsive documents may be relevant to, or may lead to evidence relevant to, determining the cause of Northeast Controls's alleged losses.

Further, it is not credible that Northeast Controls produced in the Underlying Actions all documents responsive to this Request. Northeast Controls did not produce any documents exchanged between St. Paul and other insurers. It is highly likely that such documents exist. For example, St. Paul presumably exchanged documents at least with Great American Assurance Company, as evidenced by the settlement agreement attached as Exhibit H to the Complaint in this matter. Such documents likely included prior drafts of Exhibit H along with correspondence related to those drafts. All such documents are responsive to this Request and should be produced.

16. Produce any and all documents relating to your document retention policy in effect for the period 1993 to the present.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: St. Paul's objection that this Request seeks "information which is not relevant, nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence" is without merit. Responsive documents may assist in determining whether St. Paul has in fact produced all documents responsive to these discovery requests.

Further, it is not credible that Northeast Controls produced in the Underlying Actions all documents responsive to this Request. Northeast Controls did not produce any documents relating to St. Paul's document retention policy. It is probable that St. Paul has a document retention policy. Thus, there should be documents relating to that policy, and those documents should be produced.

17. Produce all reports in your possession or control prepared by any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent that Plaintiffs have not yet retained any experts in this matter. Plaintiffs reserve their right to supplement this response as discovery continues. Plaintiffs further object to this Request

for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

**FISHER'S RESPONSE:** Fisher reserves its response to this Answer.

18. Produce the complete files relating to the opinions or testimony of any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent that Plaintiffs have not yet retained any experts in this matter. Plaintiffs reserve their right to supplement this response as discovery continues. Plaintiffs further object to the extent this request seeks information which is beyond the requirements of the applicable federal rules for expert information disclosure. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

**FISHER'S RESPONSE:** Fisher reserves its response to this Answer.

19. Produce the curriculum vitae of any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

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ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiffs object to this Request for Production to the extent that Plaintiffs have not yet retained any experts in this matter. Plaintiffs reserve their right to supplement this response as discovery continues. Plaintiffs further object to this Request for Production to the extent it seeks information which has already been produced in the Underlying Action and is already in the possession of Defendant's counsel. Pursuant to Fisher's Note that the production of such documents is not being sought, Plaintiffs do not possess any documents responsive to this Request.

FISHER'S RESPONSE: Fisher reserves its response to this Answer.

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Date: <u>January</u> 29 2007

# **EXHIBIT 9**

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, Inc.; and ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE Co.,	)
Plaintiffs,	) Civ. A. No. 06-412-SLR
v.	)
FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC,	)
Defendant,	)

# NORTHEAST CONTROLS, Inc.'s RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO **DEFENDANT'S FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS**

COMES NOW Plaintiff Northeast Controls, Inc., by and through Counsel, and hereby responds to Defendant's First Discovery Requests to Plaintiff Northeast Controls, Inc., as follows, to wit:

### General Answers and Objections

Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by specific reference the "General Answers and Objections" stated within Fisher's Answers to Interrogatories of Plaintiffs, Northeast Controls, inc. and ASt. Paul Mercury Insurance Company Directed to Defendant, Fisher Controls International, LLC-Set II, (D.I. # ), a Notice of Service of which appears not to have been docketed, but which were dated May 24, 2007, by Fisher and received by Northeast via e-mail the same date and via regular mail the next business day, as if fully restated herein. All answers and responses stated herein are subject to all applicable objections and/or privileges, which are preserved, whether fully restated within each answer or response or not.

Further, Northeast Controls, Inc., (hereinafter "Northeast"), reserves the right to supplement its Responses herein as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### **Answer to Interrogatories**

<u>Interrogatory No. 1</u>: Identify all persons who answered or assisted in answering these Interrogatories and Requests for Production.

Response to Interrogatory No. 1: Scott Shannon, Esquire, and Thomas Wagner, Esquire, of the law firm of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin; Mary Elizabeth Slevin, Esquire, of the law firm of Stockli Greene & Slevin, LLP, 90 State Street, Albany, New York; Steven M. Sabia, Manager, Inside Sales & Account Manager, Northeast Controls, Inc.

<u>Interrogatory No. 2</u>: Identify all documents relating to your quality management system processes, as referenced on your website.

Response to Interrogatory No. 2: The phrase "quality management system processes" was not found upon a search of Northeast's website, at <a href="http://www.northeastcontrols.com/">http://www.northeastcontrols.com/</a>. The closest reference discovered thereon is specific to Emerson/Fisher products and is a reference to the "process management systems" through Emerson/Fisher for its products. The specific language referenced apparently is only found at <a href="http://www.northeastcontrols.com/">http://www.northeastcontrols.com/</a>, the website homepage, and reads [copied and pasted verbatim from the website as it existed on May 30, 2007, with text converted to Times New Roman 12 point type for consistency with this document]: "Northeast Controls, the local Manufacturer's Representative for Fisher Controls and Fisher-Rosemount Systems in NY state, Western Massachusetts, and Southern Vermont for over 30 years, is dedicated to serving customer needs with process management solutions, integration of automated control valves, regulators, transmitters, analyzers, control systems, and process management systems."

Corollary text from the Emerson Process Management webpage,

http://www.emersonprocess.com/systems/reach/na.htm, contains the following description [copied and pasted verbatim from the website as it existed on May 30, 2007, with text converted to Times New Roman 12 point type for consistency with this document]: "Emerson Process Management, Process Systems provides sales and services in North America through a network of independent representatives. Select your location using the territory map below or North American representatives can be found alphabetically in the drop-down menu." That webpage includes a list of its "independent representatives", and a map of their territories, and including [copied and pasted verbatim as the image exists on the website]:

Northeast Controls, Inc.	3 Enterprise Avenue Clifton Park, NY 12065	(518) 664-6600	(518) 664-9280
	6000 N. Bailey Ave., Suite 2B Amherst, NY 14226	(716) 831-1960	(716) 831-1966
	75 Goodway Drive, Suite 1 Rochester, NY 14623	(585) 427-7870	(585) 427-2341

Consequently, any such documents "relating to" Northeast's "quality management system processes" to the extent that is a valid identifier, would be documents authored by, originating from, and provided to Northeast by Emerson Processes and would be with respect to Emerson Processes' "quality management system processes" and not Northeast's.

<u>Interrogatory No. 3</u>: Identify all documents relating to your ISO 9001:2000 certification, as referenced on your website.

Response to Interrogatory No. 3: Northeast is willing to provide copies of the Quality Manual and Process Maps relative to the ISO 9001 certification, to the extent they may be either relevant or reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant and/or admissible evidence and production would not be unduly burdensome, however the Company did not commence the

process of seeking ISO 9001 certification until late 2002 and was not ISO 9001 certified until November, 2003. At the time of the ordering of the Valve at issue and the subsequent Incident, Northeast was not ISO 9001 certified and Northeast therefore objects as the requested information is not interposed for any proper purpose under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### Requests for Production

Request No. 1: Produce all documents identified in your responses to Fisher's Interrogatories.

Response to Request No. 1: Please see responses to Interrogatory Nos. 2 and 3.

Request No. 2: Produce all documents relating to any policy of insurance issued to you by St. Paul.

Response to Request No. 2: The policy of insurance covering the Incident is TE06401049, effective January 1, 2000. That policy was produced under cover of correspondence to Fisher by Gunter dated March 5, 2007 (a copy of the letter of transmittal is attached hereto and Bates Numbered "NECF 0001"). Northeast objects to production of any other policies of insurance as the request is not being interposed for any proper purpose under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Request No. 3: Produce all documents relating to any claim that you made to St.

Paul relating to the Incident or the Underlying Actions.

Response to Request No. 3: The St. Paul claims file was previously provided to Fisher by St. Paul within its responses to Fisher's *Discovery Requests*. In addition, as to documents

within Northeast's possession, attached hereto please find correspondence dated July 27, 2000, from Crane, Greene & Parente by Slevin to St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance by Frock, providing in response to Frock's request certain documents related to the Incident; and correspondence of the same date by Crane, Greene & Parente by Slevin to Rawle & Henderson by Wagner, confirming Wagner's assignment as litigation counsel for Northeast. (Bates Numbers NECF 0006 through NECF 0008 hereto).

Northeast Controls does not possess a copy of any written claim to St. Paul relating to the Incident. All subsequent correspondence is between Northeast's corporate counsel, (primarily by Slevin), to Northeast's litigation counsel (primarily by Wagner), and would be subject to the attorney/client and/or attorney work-product privileges.

Request No. 4: Produce all documents relating to any claim that you made to any other insurance company, insurance agent, claims adjuster, claims investigator, or other person relating to the Incident or the Underlying Actions.

Response to Request No. 4: There were no other claims to any other insurance company or person, except as reflected in the pleadings to the Underlying Actions in which Northeast was a party and in which counterclaims, and/or cross-claims, and or third-party claims for contribution and/or indemnification were asserted within the context of those actions.

Request No. 5: Produce all documents relating to the ordering of the Valve.

Response to Request No. 5: All documents relating to the ordering of the valve have been previously provided to Fisher by Northeast on multiple occasions, most recently during Fisher's by Daniel J. Gunter, Esquire's, document review on March  $5^{th} - 6^{th}$ , 2007, at the law

offices of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, located at 1845 Walnut Street, 21<sup>st</sup> floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during which full access was provided to Mr. Gunter to Northeast litigation counsel's 51 document boxes of all pleadings, correspondence and materials concerning the Underlying Litigation and within which 51 boxes were contained any and all documents in Northeast's possession and control responsive to this Request.

Previously, the documents sought within this request were provided to all parties in the Underlying Litigation, including Fisher, through Northeast's responses to discovery requests therein; and subsequently to those Underlying Litigation parties who were signatories to the Joint Defense Agreement through the auspices of Fisher by Patrick D. McVey, Esquire, in the form of a binder in which were compiled not only the requested documents, but additionally order documents for unrelated valves which Fisher by McVey deemed similar and informative for the purposes of the party-defendants' defenses to the claims within the Underlying Litigation.

The document attached hereto and Bates Numbered NECF 0096 through NECF 0331 consistent of all documents Northeast understands to "relate to" the ordering of the Valve. (N.B.: There may be some duplication of documents and the inclusion of documents relating to the ordering of valves other than the Valve, which duplication or inclusion of otherwise non-responsive documents was unintentional, to the extent such occurred).

Request No. 6: Produce all documents that provide any sort of guide, instruction, advice, or standard for you or your employees in regard to the process by which sales and ordering of products are to be conducted.

Response to Request No. 6: No documents responsive to this Request for any period of time prior to 2001 are in Northeast's possession or remain in existence, unless or to the extent

any responsive documents were produced by Northeast in the Underlying Actions, and were made available to Fisher by Gunter during the March  $5^{th} - 6^{th}$ , 2007, document review conducted by Gunter, as explained more fully in Response to Request No. 5, *supra*. See also, Response to Request No. 15, *infra*, for Northeast's document retention policy.

<u>Request No. 7</u>: Produce all documents relating to your quality management system processes, as referenced on your website.

Response to Request No. 7: See Response to Interrogatory No. 2, supra.

Request No. 8: Produce all documents relating to your ISO 9001:2000 certification, as referenced on your website.

Response to Request No. 8: See Response to Interrogatory No. 3, supra.

Request No. 9: Produce all documents relating to any ISO certification, or request for certification, that you have ever received or made.

Response to Request No. 9: See Response to Interrogatory No. 3, supra.

Request No. 10: Produce all documents relating to training, instruction, advice, or standards applicable to the work performed by your employee Albert Cappellini in ordering the Valve.

Response to Request No. 10: All documented training of Albert Cappellini was provided by Fisher and would be in the possession of Fisher. In addition, see Response to

Request No. 5, supra, concerning the March  $5^{th} - 6^{th}$ , 2007, document review conducted by Fisher.

Request No. 11: Produce all documents relating to the hiring, training, promotion, demotion or duties of your employee Albert Cappellini.

Response to Request No. 11: Responsive documents are attached hereto and Bates Numbered NECF 0009 through NECF 0089, and consisting of Cappellini's performance evaluations and reviews. As to training, other than as reflected within the attached documents, please see Response to Request No. 10, *supra*.

Request No. 12: Produce all documents relating to Becht Engineering, Inc., as referenced in Exhibit H to your Complaint in this matter.

Response to Request No. 12: Northeast has no documents responsive to this request. For a further response, see Response to Request No. 21, infra, addressing the requests for the files of Bruno Karcher and Becht Engineering, Inc., at the third paragraph therein.

Request for Production No. 13: Produce all documents relating to the Valve, the ASU, the DCPP, the DCPPRT, the Incident and/or the Underlying Actions.

Response to Request No. 13: See Response to Request No. 5, supra. By way of further response, Northeast's litigation counsel, by Wagner, has in its possession a total of 51 boxes of documents generated during the Underlying Action which are, in whole or in part, responsive to this Request and which, pursuant to the agreement reached by the Parties during the Rule 37 teleconference held on February 9, 2007, as memorialized by correspondence from

Northeast by Wagner to Fisher by Gunter on February 14, 2007, (attached hereto and Bates Numbered NECF 0002 through NECF 0005), were produced for Fisher by Gunter's review and inspection on March 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at the law offices of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, located at 1845 Walnut Street, 21st floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during which review full access to Northeast litigation counsel's 51 document boxes were provided to Mr. Gunter, and during which certain documents identified by Mr. Gunter were copied and provided to him.

This Request, at this time, in this form, is objected to as unduly burdensome given both the volume of documents arguably responsive to the Request, all or most of the 51 document boxes referenced supra, and in light of the document review and access provided to Fisher on March  $5^{th} - 6^{th}$ , 2007, which was intended to avoid the burden associated with such production.

Produce any and all correspondence or other Request for Production No. 14: documents relating to the Valve, the ASU, the DCPP, the DCPPRP, the Incident, or the Underlying Actions exchanged between you and any person or entity, including but not limited to the following:

- Battaglia; i.
- ii. Becht Engineering, Inc.;
- Conectiv: iii.
- Cozen O'Connor; iv.
- Donald Davis; ٧.
- Fisher; vi.
- Great American; vii.
- viii. Hydrochem;
- JJ White; ix.
- Joseph Handlon; X.
- Richard Hohn; хi.
- F. Warren Jacoby; xii.
- James Keller; xiii.
- Christopher Konzelman; XV.

Mark Levy; xvi.

xvii. Paul Lukoff;

xviii. Margolis Edelstein;

Motiva; xix.

The Olsons: XX.

Parsons; xxi.

Praxair: xxii.

xxiii. Joseph Riches;

xxiv. Pricket Jones & Elliott;

Randall Robbins; XXV.

xxvi. Saul Levy LLP;

xxvii. Texaco;

xxviii. Michael K. Tighe;

xxix. Tighe Cottrell & Logan, P.A.;

White and Williams LLP; XXX.

Response to Request No. 14:

See Response to Request No. 13, supra.

Produce any and all documents relating to your document retention Request No. 15: policy in effect for the period 1995 to the present.

Attached hereto and Bates Numbered NECF 0090 Response to Request No. 15: through NECF0095. After reasonable investigation, Northeast was unable to locate any prior versions of its document retention policy.

Produce any and all correspondence and other documents Request No. 16: exchanged between you and any insurer or insurer relating to the Incident or any claim or lawsuit relating to the Incident.

The St. Paul claims file was previously produced. Response to Request No. 16: See also Response to Request No. 3, supra.

Request No. 17: Produce any and all correspondence or other documents exchanged between you and any other person or entity relating to any claim or lawsuit relating to the Incident.

Response to Request No. 17:

See Response to Request No. 13, supra.

Request No. 18: Produce all reports in your possession or control prepared by any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

Response to Request No. 18: The deadline for submission of Northeast's experts' reports in this matter is July 20, 2007. This Response will be supplemented as responsive documents are obtained by Northeast.

Request No. 19: Produce the complete files relating to the opinions or testimony of any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

Response to Request No. 19:

See Response to Request No. 18, supra.

Request No. 20: Produce the curriculum vitae of any and all experts who will testify at the time of trial.

Response to Request No. 20:

See Response to Request No. 18, supra.

Request No. 21: Produce the complete files of the following persons relating to any inspection, investigation or analysis of the Incident:

- i. Gerard Muller;
- ii. Irving Glassman;
- iii. David Pope;
- iv. Bruno Karcher;

#### v. Becht Engineering, Inc.

Response to Request No. 21: The files of Messrs. Muller and Pope are being reproduced and will be provided to supplement these *Responses* upon their receipt by Northeast's litigation counsel.

Dr. Glassman was contacted by Northeast litigation counsel Scott Shannon, Esquire, and in response to Shannon's request for his files, Dr. Glassman related to Shannon that within the last year he disposed of his closed files, including all of the documents and records he compiled for his work in this matter. Northeast has no documents in its possession responsive to this Request, and Dr. Glassman did not provide any conclusions, opinions or reports to Northeast during his retention as a consulting expert.

Northeast has neither possession nor control of any files of Mr. Karcher or his employer Becht Engineering, Inc., which documents are the subject of Fisher's subpoena request to Christopher Konzelman, Esquire, for same, which subpoena Northeast will not oppose pursuant to the stipulations regarding discovery as agreed upon by the Parties during the February 9, 2007, Rule 37 teleconference as memorialized in the correspondence from Northeast by Wagner to Fisher by Gunter dated Febrary 14, 2007, (NECF 0002 through NECF 0005), and as stated within the three bullet points within the bottom half of page 2 therein, (NECF 0003).

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EXHIBIT 10

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From:

Gunter, Dan

Sent:

Wednesday, June 06, 2007 11:03 AM

To:

'Shannon, J. Scott'

Cc:

McVey, Patrick; 'Paul A. Bradley'

Subject:

Northeast Controls

Attachments: QualityPolicy.pdf

Scott--

Thanks for your discussion today. I'm forwarding the page from the NEC website that references its quality management system processes.

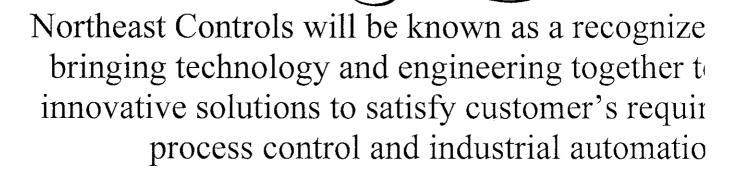
I look forward to speaking with you on Friday at 10:30 a.m. PDT/1:30 p.m. EDT.

Best regards,

Dan

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# Quality Policy



We will succeed in building lasting relationships to consistently superior products and services that quantifiable business results and by continually our quality management system process.



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, Inc.; and ) ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY,)	
Plaintiffs, )	No. 06-412 SLR
v. )	·
FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC,	
Defendant.	, }

# NORTHEAST CONTROLS, Inc.'s ANSWERS AND RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS DIRECTED TO NORTHEAST CONTROLS

COMES NOW Plaintiff Northeast Controls, Inc., by and through Counsel, and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 36, hereby answers and responds to Defendant Fisher Controls International, LLC's ("Fisher") First Requests for Admissions as follows, to wit:

## General Answers and Objections

Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by specific reference the "General Answers and Objections" stated within Fisher's Answers to Interrogatories of Plaintiffs, Northeast Controls, Inc. and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company Directed to Defendant, Fisher Controls International, LLC – Set II, dated May 24, 2007, by Fisher and received by Northeast via e-mail the same date and via regular mail the next business day, as if fully restated herein. All answers and responses stated herein are subject to all applicable objections and/or privileges, which are preserved, whether fully restated within each answer or response or not.

Further, Northeast Controls, Inc., (hereinafter "Northeast"), reserves the right to supplement its Responses herein as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

# Responses to Requests for Admissions

Request for Admission No. 1: Admit that Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo signed or initialed a document setting forth specifications for the materials of construction for the "629 Valve", which document is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Requests for Admission.

Response No. 1: Admitted.

Request for Admission No. 2: Admit that the document attached as Exhibit 1 to these Requests for Admission is a true and correct copy of the only document exchanged between Northeast Controls and Praxair showing the materials of construction for the 629 Valve that was signed or initialed by any person acting on behalf of Praxair.

Response No. 2: Admitted.

Request for Admission No. 3: Admit that the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admissions is a true and correct copy of a purchase order that Praxair sent to Northeast Controls.

Response No. 3: With the exception of the handwritten notations shown on the document, which Northeast denies as having been present when the purchase order was submitted, it is admitted that Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the purchase order sent by Praxair to Fisher Controls.

Request for Admission No. 4: Admit that the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admission is a true and correct copy of the only purchase order that Praxair sent to Northeast Controls that relates to the 629 Valve.

Response No. 4: It is admitted that the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admissions, as qualified by Response No. 3, supra, is the only purchase order that Praxair sent to Fisher controls that relates to the 629 Valve.

Request for Admission No. 5: Admit that the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admission references the specification sheet dated June 3, 1998, a true and correct copy of which specification sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Response No. 5: It is admitted that the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admissions, as qualified by Response No. 3, supra, states "In accordance with Buyer's Drawing A-2272740 Dated 6/3/98."

Request for Admission No. 6: Admit that, after receiving the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admission, Northeast Controls placed an order with Fisher for the 629 Valve.

Response No. 6: Denied. Praxair placed its order with Fisher through submission to Northeast Controls of the document attached as Exhibit 2 to these Requests for Admissions, as qualifed by Response No. 3, supra.

Request for Admission No. 7: Admit that Northeast Controls placed an order with Fisher for the 629 Valve.

Response No. 7: Denied. See Response No. 6, supra.

Request for Admission No. 8: Admit that the materials of construction for the 629 Valve's disk, stem, seal ring, and thrust bearing, as identified in the order that Northeast Controls placed with Fisher, did no match the materials of construction set forth on the document attached as Exhibit 1 to these Requests for Admission.

Response No. 8: Denied in part, and Northeast Controls is unable to either admit or deny in part. It is denied that Northeast Controls placed an order with Fisher; the Purchase Order attached as Exhibit 2 to the Requests for Admissions, as qualified by Response No. 3, supra, was Praxair's order to Fisher. See Response No. 6, supra. After reasonable investigation, the information that is known or readily available to Northeast Controls is insufficient to enable Northeast Controls to either admit or deny this Request. By way of further answer, under the Fisher order processing system ("OPS") then in place during the relevant time period and utilized by Northeast Controls to transmit orders generally, and the Praxair order specifically, to Fisher Controls, the specifications for the 629 Valve were inputted by a Northeast Controls employee into a Fisher Controls proprietary computer program (OPS) and electronically transmitted by Northeast Controls to Fisher Controls, per Fisher Controls' specifications for use of the OPS system. No hard copy printout of the input data for the 629 Valve was retained by Northeast Controls and the computer program contained no means for Northeast Controls to save the data inputted into the OPS system nor to convert it to a printed document.

Request for Admission No. 9: Admit that the order that Northeast controls placed with Fisher calls for the disk of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Hastelloy C.

Response No. 9: See Response No. 8, supra.

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Request for Admission No. 10: Admit that the written specification document signed or initialed by Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the disk of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel.

Response No. 10: Admitted.

Request for Admission No. 11: Admit that the order that Northeast Controls placed with Fisher calls for the stem of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Inconel.

Response No. 11: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 12: Admit that the written specification document signed or initialed by Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the stem of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel.

Response No. 12: Admitted.

Request for Admission No. 13: Admit that the order that Northeast Controls initially placed with Fisher calls for the seal of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Tefzel.

Response No. 13: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 14: Admit that the written specification document signed or initialed by Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the seal of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel/PTFE.

Response No. 14: Admitted.

Request for Admission No. 15: Admit that the order that Northeast Controls placed with Fisher calls for the guide material of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of PTFE composite.

Response No. 15: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 16: Admit that the written specification document signed or initialed by Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the guide material of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel.

Response No. 16: Admitted.

Request for Admission No. 17: Admit that, prior to May 20, 2000, Northeast

Controls did not inform Fisher that the written specification document signed or initialed by

Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the disk of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel.

Response No. 17: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 18: Admit that, prior to May 20, 2000, Northeast

Controls did not inform Fisher that the written specification document signed or initialed by

Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the stem of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel.

Response No. 18: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 19: Admit that, prior to May 20, 2000, Northeast

Controls did not inform Fisher that the written specification document signed or initialed by

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Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the seal of the 629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel/PTFE.

Response No. 19: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 20: Admit that, prior to May 20, 2000, Northeast

Controls did not inform Fisher that the written specification document signed or initialed by

Praxair's representative Bhim Bhakoo and dated June 3, 1998, calls for the guide material of the

629 Valve to be manufactured of Monel.

Response No. 20: See Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 21: Admit that, when Northeast Controls placed the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher, the specifications provided by Praxair to Northeast showed that the 629 Valve would be used in oxygen service.

Response No. 21: Denied in part, admitted in part. See Response No. 8, *supra*. By way of further response, it is admitted that at the time Northeast Controls received from Praxair the order Praxair placed with Fisher Controls, the specifications showed that Valve 629 would be used in oxygen service.

Request for Admission No. 22: Admit that, when Northeast Controls initially placed the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher, the information provided at that time by Northeast Controls to Fisher did not show that the 629 Valve would be used in oxygen service.

Response No. 22: Denied as stated. Praxair placed the order with Fisher Controls.

See Response No. 8, supra. By way of further response, the order confirmation returned to

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Northeast Controls from Fisher Controls for Valve 629 states in part "Type A11 Control Valve Assembly Size 12, Type Degreasing, . . . ." The designation of "Type Degreasing", per Fisher's specifications, shows that Valve 629 would be used in oxygen service.

Request for Admission No. 23: Admit that, when Northeast Controls placed the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher, the written specifications provided by Praxair to Northeast Controls showed that the 629 Valve would be used in oxygen service with oxygen up to a pressure of 1165 psia.

Response No. 23: Denied as stated. Praxair placed its order with Fisher. By way of further response, at the time Praxair placed its order with Fisher, several different specifications concerning the oxygen service had been provided to Northeast Controls by Praxair, including a reference to 1165.000 psia "MAX" and "NRM" for Service Condition P2; 1167.000 psia "MAX" and "NRM" for Service Condition P1 (NECF0116, 0319, 0320, 0321); 1150 psig operating pressure with a max pressure of 1300 psig; max operating pressure would be 1060 psid (see NECF0131); 1164.000 psia "MAX" for Service Condition P2 (NECF 0316); "Inlet Pressure (psia)" of 1167.000 "NRM" and "MAX" (NECF0317, 0322); and there may be other specifications provided to Northeast Controls by Praxair concerning the 629 Valve.

Request for Admission No. 24: Admit that, when Northeast Controls placed the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher, the written specifications provided by Praxair to Northeast Controls showed that the 629 Valve would be used in oxygen service with oxygen at temperatures up to 250° Fahrenheit.

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Response No. 24: Denied as stated. Praxair placed its order with Fisher. By way of further response, at the time Praxair placed its order with Fisher, Northeast had received specifications from Praxair showing the "Service Conditions" and/or operating temperature to be, variously, in degrees Fahrenheit, 242.000° (NECF0109, 0111); 250° (NECF0110, 0115, 0116, 0117); "Critical Temperature (deg F)" -181.070° "NRM" and "MAX" (NECF0117); and there may be other specifications provided to Northeast Controls by Praxair concerning the 629 Valve.

Request for Admission No. 25: Admit that, in placing orders with Fisher for any Fisher valve or other product, it is Northeast Control's practice to ensure that the materials of construction as ordered through Fisher match the materials of construction as requested by the customer.

Response No. 25: Pursuant to the procedures for the processing of orders implemented by Fisher, Northeast was constrained to relay customer specifications with reference to Fisher-designated stock numbers for the component parts requested. For customer specifications which match Fisher parts numbers in all respects including materials of construction, that is a matter of determining the appropriate Fisher part number(s). For customer orders for materials of construction which are not co-determinate with Fisher parts numbers, the materials of construction were specified by Northeast within the notes section of the Fisher OPS, which notes, once inputted by Northeast personnel into the Fisher OPS, were electronically transmitted to Fisher with no means for Northeast to reduce the OPS-inputted notes to writing, and which notes to the OPS were not returned back to Northeast by Fisher in the order acknowledgment, which only reflects the Fisher parts numbers. It is admitted that it is

Northeast's practice to ensure that the materials of construction specified by the customer are relayed to Fisher.

Request for Admission No. 26: Admit that, in placed an order for a product with a manufacturer, an independent sales representative, such as you, has a duty to ensure that the materials of construction specified in writing by the customer are passed on to the manufacturer.

Response No. 26: Objection. This Request does not seek the "truth of a matter" as required by Rules 36 and 37(c) and asks instead for a conclusion of law to which no response is required.

Objection. As phrased, this request is overly broad, unduly vague and incapable of any meaningful response. By way of further response and for purposes of illustration only, assuming the materials specified by "the customer" were either unavailable through the manufacturer or designated by the manufacturer as inappropriate or unsafe for the conditions, it is denied that such an unfailing duty would attach.

Request for Admission No. 27: Admit that, in placing the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher, you did not ensure that the materials of construction specified in writing by Praxair were passed on to Fisher.

Response No. 27: Denied. By way of further response, see Response No. 8, supra.

Request for Admission No. 28: Admit that you were negligent in placing the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher.

Response No. 28: Denied.

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Request for Admission No. 30: Admit that your negligence in placing the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher was a proximate cause of your being named as a defendant in each of the Underlying Actions.

Response No. 30: Denied. Counts V and IX-XI of the Second Amended Complaint in the Underlying Action captioned Olson v. Motiva Enterprises, et al., states the alleged bases for Northeast being named as a defendant.

Request for Admission No. 31: Admit that your negligence in placing the order for the 629 Valve with Fisher was a proximate cause of Fisher being named as a defendant in each of the Underlying Actions.

Response No. 31: Denied. Counts V and IX-XI of the Second Amended Complaint in the Underlying Action captioned Olson v. Motiva Enterprises, et al., states the alleged bases for Fisher being named as a defendant.

Request for Admission No. 32: Admit that the 629 Valve was not defective in its design, except to the extent that the materials of construction deviated from the materials specified by Praxair.

Response No. 32: It is admitted that the 629 Valve was not defective in its design; and denied that any deviation by Fisher from the materials specified by Praxair made the Valve "defective" in any manner.

Request for Admission No. 33: Admit that the 629 Valve was not defective in terms of its manufacture, except to the extent that the materials of construction deviated from the materials specified by Praxair.

Response No. 33: After reasonable investigation, and based upon information known or readily available, Northeast Controls is unable to either admit or deny whether the 629 Valve was "defective in terms of its manufacture" as much of the 629 Valve was destroyed in the fire and explosion and prohibited, as Northeast Controls understands, any meaningful determination as to whether its manufacture was defective.

Request for Admission No. 34: Admit that the presence of nearly 100 percent pure oxygen creates a significant fire hazard.

Response No. 34: It is denied that the presence of nearly 100 percent pure oxygen, in and of itself, "creates a significant fire hazard".

Request for Admission No. 35: Admit that, because of fire risks, systems for holding and transporting nearly pure oxygen must be meticulously designed, constructed, cleaned and maintained in order to avoid oxygen explosions.

Response No. 35: Objection. This Request as phrased is overly broad, unduly vague, and incapable of any meaningful response. By way of further response, Fisher possesses the expertise necessary to evaluate, design and construct systems for holding and transporting nearly pure oxygen and committed itself to "meeting the intent of Praxair's specifications" in responding to Praxair's July 28, 1999, RFP (NECF0253-79).

Request for Admission No. 36: Admit that your attorney Thomas Wagner met with Bruno Karcher of Becht Engineering prior to your settlement of the action brought against you by Great American, which action is at issue in this litigation.

Response No. 36: It is admitted that Thomas Wagner, Esquire, met with Bruno Karcher of Becht Engineering prior to Northeast's settlement of the Underlying Litigation which is at issue in this litigation.

Request for Admission No. 37: Admit that, prior to your settlement of the action brought against you by Great American, which action is at issue in this litigation, you believed the Becht Engineering had formed the opinion that you were negligent in regard to the ordering of the 629 Valve.

Response No. 37: See Response No. 40, infra.

Request for Admission No. 38: Admit that, prior to your settlement of the action brought against you by Great American, you believed that Becht Engineering had formed the opinion that your negligence in ordering the 629 Valve caused or contributed to the fire that occurred on may 20, 2000, at the Delaware City Power Plant.

Response No. 38: See Response No. 40, infra.

Request for Admission No. 39: Admit that you settled the action brought against you by Great American because you believed that the testimony of Becht Engineering would be devastating to your defense of the action brought against you by Ronald and Carol Olson.

Response No. 39: See Response No. 40, infra.

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Request for Admission No. 40: Admit that you settled the action brought against you by Great American because you believed that the testimony of Becht Engineering would have an adverse effect on your defense of the action brought against you by Ronald and Carol Olson.

Response No. 40: Denied as stated. It is admitted only that the decision to settle the Great American action was made in part because of concerns that the opinions Becht Engineering proposed to offer could have had an adverse affect on Northeast Controls' defense of the Olson action.

Request for Admission No. 41: Admit that you settled the action brought against you by Great American because you believed that you had separate and independent exposure for your own negligence in the action brought against you by Great American.

Response No. 41: Denied. By way of further response, what Northeast lacked was the defense of the economic loss doctrine and warranty limitations which provided the bases for Fisher's summary judgment dismissal from the Underlying Litigation, by *Memorandum Opinion* and accompanying *Order* dated April 26, 2004. Northeast's continued participation in the Underlying Litigation potentially exposed it to any liability which might have otherwise been found against Fisher without regard to any "separate or independent" exposure for which Northeast might potentially have been liable.

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Request for Admission No. 42: Admit that you settled the action brought against you by Great American because you believed that you had separate and independent exposure for your own negligence in the action brought against you by Great American.

Response No. 42: Denied. See Response No. 41, supra.

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EXHIBIT 12

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August 23, 2007

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Re: Northeast Controls, Inc. & St. Paul Mercury Ins. Co. v. Fishers Controls, Int'l. U.S.D.C., District of Delaware, Civil Action No: 1:06-CV-00412 (SLR)

Dear Mr. Wagner:

As you requested, I have considered what impact the seals of the Isolation Valve, 83HV0629 ("629"), would have had on the propagation of the oxygen line fire that occurred on May 20, 2000 at the battery limits of the Praxair Air Separation Unit (ASU) and a Gasifier, which was part of the Delaware City Power Plant (DCPP) Recovery Project located in Delaware City, Delaware. In performing this analysis I have referred to three previous reports that I issued that provide my qualifications, analysis and conclusions regarding the cause of the oxygen line fire and which I am incorporating by reference. <sup>1</sup>

In order to place this analysis in context with the May 20, 2000 oxygen line fire I have restated the description of the fire incident that I provided in my December 27, 2004 report, as follows:

"On May 20, 2000, the ASU at the DCPP attempted its first delivery of about 99.6% pure oxygen at its design condition of 1150 psig and 250° F to the gasifier located on the refinery side of the DCPP. The gasifier uses the oxygen in a process

The reports refer to those dated December 27, 2004, January 19, 2005, and February 22, 2005 that were provided to Delia Clark, Esq., Rawle & Henderson LLP, One South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

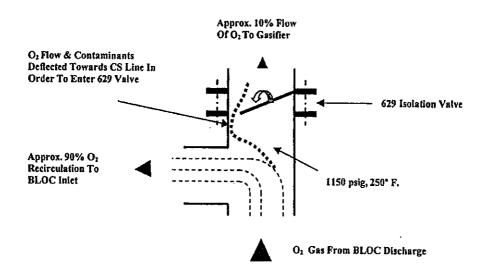
to generate syngas which is then used as the fuel in gas turbine driven electrical generators. Up until this point the ASU had been commissioned and operated with the Isolation Valve, 83HV0629 ("629") closed, thereby acting as a barrier to prevent any gas from being transmitted to the gasifier. There was also a check valve provided after the 629 that prevented any backflow of gas from the gasifier. The procedure to deliver 1150 psig oxygen involved the use of a Base Line Oxygen Compressor (BLOC) that pressurized the oxygen produced in the ASU to its design pressure which was then recirculated it until needed by the gasifier whereupon the 629 is opened. It was during this first attempt to deliver 1150 psig oxygen to the gasifier that the fire incident occurred.

With the oxygen pressurized and available for transmission to the gasifier, the operator initiated the prescribed procedure for opening the 629. Since the piping downstream of the 629 was initially at atmospheric conditions, the procedures called for opening the 629 sufficient to only allow about 10% of the design flow to pass through until the line downstream was within 10 psig of the pressure upstream of the 629, at which point the valve was to be fully opened. At first the operator called for a few percent of opening, but the 629 actuator controls did not acknowledge that the valve had opened. After a few further attempts the operator called for Mr. Olson, an operating supervisor, to go look at the 629 and see if the instrument air line, which is used by the 629 actuator, was on. After a few minutes, Mr. Olson was at the 629 and communicated to the operator that the air line was on. The operator then opened the 629 to its full 10% opening, as Mr. Olson stood near the valve to see if the 629 actuator responded to the opening command, Mr. Olson thought he saw the actuator move; however, the operator still received no confirmation on his control panel. After a few minutes of observation Mr. Olsen stated that he sensed that something was wrong and started to leave the area. As he did so, the area around the 629 flange failed resulting in a violent discharge of flame. The flame front reached Mr. Olson before he could exit the area and consequently incurred injuries"

As to the cause of the fire, I summarized in my February 22, 2005 report the position I had held in my previous reports, namely, that "it is clear that the fire incident that originated in the upstream CS line was a result of excessive oxygen velocity in combination with debris (acting as an ignition source) and coke dust (acting as a fire promoter) that were present in the upstream CS line during the filling of the downstream line to the gasifier by the fractional opening of the 629 valve." Moreover, I also reiterated the conclusion that "... the 629 valve seal material played no role in this fire incident." These were my conclusions then and they are so now. I should also note that Dr. Robert A. Mostello, Fisher's expert at the time, in his report issued on January 3, 2005, independently arrived at the same conclusions, as to the cause of the fire, as I did and also concluded, as I did, that the valve seals "were not implicated in the initiation of the fire."

#### Combustion of CS Pipe Melted 629 Body Containing Seal

To assist in visualizing the sequential process of the fire I have provided the following figure from my December 27, 2004 report:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I was first aware of Dr. Mostello's findings weeks after I issued my report. I issued a February 22, 2005 sur-rebuttal report after reviewing his report, among others, in which I commented on their findings.

The piping upstream of the 629 valve consisted of a carbon steel (CS) pipe and flange. The 629 valve body, flange and valve disc were made of Hastelloy C (a nickel based, non-sparking alloy) which, in turn, was attached to a discharge pipe made of Monel (also a nickel based, non-sparking, alloy).

The fire originated in the CS pipe upstream of the CS pipe flange, as shown in the figure, when the valve was opened slightly thereby directing the oxygen flow towards the inside surface of the CS pipe. The debris and coke laden flow struck the CS pipe and ignited. The ensuing fire expanded very rapidly since the flowing oxygen continually removed the combustion products and provided fresh oxygen to promote combustion of the CS piping. The CS piping burned radially outwardly as well as axially down the CS pipe. The temperature of the combustion gases flowing down the CS pipe were approximately 3100°F, based on various sources involving the injection of pure oxygen into molten steel.

The first outward evidence of the fire occurred when the radially outwardly burning fire penetrated the CS pipe whereupon the oxygen, at 1150 psig, depressured through the breach at supersonic speed which further accelerated the burning process. During and before the latter event the action of the flowing oxygen was to, in effect, create a "blowtorch" at the entry of the 629 valve. Two of the many consequences of this aggressive combustion were to melt the periphery of the heavy sectioned 629 valve disc (Hastelloy C melts at about 2500°F) and adjoining areas on the 629 valve body (also made of Hastelloy C) which contained the seal.

The four ounce seal contained within the 629 valve body would have combusted within seconds of the CS piping igniting since the seal, if it were made of either Kel-F or Tefzel<sup>3</sup>, would have ignited at either about 760°F, if it had been Kel-F or 450°F, if it had

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> There was some controversy as to which seal, Kel-F or Tefzel, was used in the 629 valve, so I've analyzed the hypothetical impact of both.

been Tefzel. In either case, the almost instantaneous contact with the 3100°F flame from the combustion of the CS piping and flange would have incinerated these seals before they would have had any significant impact on the relatively large masses of either the 629 valve body or disc. The extensive material loss of the valve body and valve disc was effectively due to the sustained combustion of the CS piping and flange upstream of the 629 valve.

If, instead of Kel-F or Tefzel, a seal made of Monel had been used, which was one of the possible seals available for the 629 valve, the situation would not have been significantly different. With Monel, the ignition temperature is about 2160°F which means that it would have taken a few seconds longer to reach its potential ignition temperature in the face of the approximately 3100°F flame than either Kel-F or Tefzel, but it too would have been consumed quickly since in order for the Monel to function as a seal it must readily deform which means that the seal is made of very thin sections of Monel which would have allowed rapid heating to its ignition temperature.

#### The Impact of the Seal as an Accelerant Was Inconsequential

As I have just discussed, the impact of the approximately 3100°F flame acting alone on the 629 valve internals and body was sufficient to rapidly incinerate the seal, regardless of the seal material used. However, for the purpose of this hypothetical analysis, I also considered the possible damage to the 629 valve, and components downstream, by the combustion of either Kel-F, Tefzel, or Monel seals for the few seconds they would have survived in the approximately 3100°F flame.

One way of considering the possible impact of the seal combustion is to compare the heat contributed by the combustion of the seal as compared to the heat contributed by the combustion of the CS piping and flange. Based on a study of the various photographs of the damaged 629 valve and the associated piping, I estimated that the amount of CS combusted amounted to about 100 lbs., or possibly more.

The potential heat contributed by combustion of various components can be estimated by multiplying the Heat of Combustion of the material times the weight of the material combusted. In this case, the heat generated from the combustion of the CS was about 100 lbs. times the Heat of Combustion for CS (about 1800 BTU/lb) or 180,000 BTUs. For a Kel-F or Tefzel seal, the amount of heat contribution would have been about 0.25 lbs times their Heats of Combustion (which cover the range from 1800 to about 3900 BTU/lb) to yield a potential heat contribution of about 450 BTU to about 975 BTU. This represents about 0.25% to 0.54% of the heat generated by the combustion of the CS alone. Clearly, if either Kel-F or Tefzel had been used as a seal material, neither of these seals would have had any significant impact on fire damage observed on the 629 valve and its adjoining piping.

If Monel (with a PTFE backup ring) had been used as the seal material then the amount of heat it would have contributed would have been about 0.5 lbs. times their combined Heats of Combustion of about 1100 BTU/lb to yield a heat contribution of about 550 BTU or about 0.3% of the heat generated by the combustion of the CS alone. Again, as in the case of Kel-F and Tefzel, the impact on the damage observed on the 629 valve and its adjoining piping would have been insignificant.

#### Conclusions

Based on the foregoing analysis it is my opinion, within a reasonable degree of engineering certainty, that:

- 1. The heat generated by the combustion of the CS piping and flange upstream of the 629 valve was alone sufficient to explain all of the extensive damaged exhibited by the 629 valve and the piping downstream of the 629 valve.
- 2. Regardless of the seals that might have been used in the 629 valve (Kel-F, Tefzel or Monel), the potential heat contribution they could have made are fractions of a percent of the heat energy provided through the combustion of the CS piping alone. And even this small amount of heat contribution would have only occurred for a few seconds after which the seal materials would have been consumed.

3. Consequently, this analysis has shown that regardless of the seals available to the 629 valve, none would have played a significant or measurable role in the damage that was observed either upstream or downstream of the 629 valve.

Sincerely, July Pe

Gerard Muller, PE

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#### **PROFILE**

Broad based background resulting from varied technical responsibilities entailing design through commissioning and operation of mechanical systems for refining, chemical, and production plants and power generation services. Extensive experience in the application of engineering technology to legal issues.

#### **CAREER HISTORY**

SERRY-TECH, INC.

1986 - Present

A consulting organization that provides services in the areas of plant reliability assessment, technology services for attorneys and machinery technology training. Major assignments and accomplishments have included:

- Expert technical consultant in litigation dealing with machinery system damage/losses, environmental hazards, patent challenges, machinery contractual issues and personal injury resulting from machinery maloperation or process system failure. Testimony specifically cited by several Federal Appeals Courts in arriving at decisions upholding and overturning lower court decisions in patent cases.
- Established and directed industrial development of advanced process analysis system for Exxon Research.
- Performed Machinery Reliability Audits for eight major plants consisting of refineries. chemical plants, and power plants located in the US and abroad.
- Directed multi-national Technical & Economic Evaluation Team for \$200 million of compression equipment including industry's most powerful steam turbines and centrifugal compressors for LNG service in a Persian Gulf refining complex.
- Performed Technical Audit of process machinery and other project support services for a 1.5 billion dollar FCC project for a Korean refining complex.
- Directed multi-national Technical & Economic Evaluation Team for \$100 million gas turbine driven gas reinjection centrifugal compressors operating at industry's highest pressures for a Persian Gulf production complex.
- · Developed and presented training courses dealing with process machinery analysis and operation for refining and chemical plants.

#### **EXXON RESEARCH & ENGINEERING COMPANY**

1969 - 1986

Major project and technical responsibilities for the application of process compression and power generation equipment:

- Team leader in the application of process compression and power generation systems; responsible for design evaluations, project management and field commissioning.
- · Conceived, developed, and project managed computerized machinery analysis systems for eight refining and production facilities worldwide.
- · Conceived and developed award winning, hand-held computer based monitoring and analysis system for machinery and process data collection.

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Responsible for development and application of advanced machinery diagnostic procedures and project engineering associated with major plant expansions, which included:

- Developing design evaluation criteria for thrust and journal bearings and turbine blading used throughout Exxon for equipment evaluation.
- Evaluation and selection of machinery (turbines, motors, diesel engines, centrifugal & reciprocating compressors, gears, and pumps) for major European refinery expansions.
- Commissioning of all process and power generation machinery for a French refinery expansion.

Led multi-disciplined technical services group in supporting plant operations at an Australian petrochemical plant:

- Responsible for performance analysis and development of Safe Operation Procedures for compression and pumping services.
- Developed performance measurement technology for centrifugal & reciprocating compressors and turbines credited with major operational and maintenance cost savings.
- As consultant to Australian gas production facility, successfully resolved compression system failures threatening gas supply to City of Melbourne.

#### PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT COMPANY

1963 - 1969

Performed mechanical design and analysis for advanced flight and industrial applications of gas turbines. Granted US patent for turbine design developments.

#### **EDUCATION**

M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, University of Connecticut B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Polytechnic University of New York

#### **AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS**

- Licensed Professional Engineer, State of New Jersey
- Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- · Awarded "Best Paper" dealing with machinery vibration analysis, Instrument Society of America
- Recipient of R.N. Pond Award (highest national honor in Chemical/Petroleum division) for development of a machinery monitoring hand-held computer system, Instrument Society
- · Conference Chairman, Engineering Foundation 5th Mechanical Signature Analysis Conference

## Expert Trial Witness History of Gerard Muller, P.E.

Case Title	Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co. v. Cummins Power Co.
Court	Superior Court, Hartford Connecticut
Docket/I.D.	
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Howard, Kohn, Sprague, Hartford, CT / Todd W. Whitford
Representing	Defendant as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	CPC accused by HSB/CIGNA of performing inadequate maintenance
Summary	resulting in failure of two standby diesel generators

Case Title	Honeywell v. Hamilton Sundstrand
Court	Federal District Court, Wilmington, DE
Docket/I.D.	99-309 (GMS)
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Kirkland & Ellis, New York, NY / Jonathan Putnam
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	HS accused of infringing on APU Compressor Surge Control patent.
Summary	HS countersued claiming patents not viable and non-infringing
	alternatives available.

Case Title	TI Group Automotive Systems v. VDO North America
Court	Federal District Court, Wilmington, DE
Docket/i.D.	00-432 (GMS)
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Clifford Chance, New york, NY / Drew Wintringham III
Representing	Defendant as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	VDO accused of infringing on a Fuel Pump patent
Summary	

# Expert Trial Witness History of Gerard Muller, P.E., (cont.)

Case Title	Spotless Enterprises v. A&E Products Group
Court	U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
Docket/I.D.	Civil Action No. CV-01-7815
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser/ Peter I. Bernstein
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	Defendant accused of patent infringement of various plastic garment
Summary	hangers.

Case Title	John Rizzuto v. L. A. Wengner Contracting
Court	Supreme Court of the State of NY, County of Suffol;k
Docket/I.D.	Index No. 93-10399
No.	:
Law Firm/Atty.	Grey & Grey, LLP / Robert E. Grey
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	Defendant accused of negligence during pressure testing resulting in
Summary	a personell injury

Case Title	Tappan Wire & Cable v. County of Rockland
Court	Supreme Court of the State of NY, County of Rockland
Docket/I.D.	Index No. 3273/00 (WKN)
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Granick Silverman & Hecker
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case Summary	Defendant accused of negligence operating a diesel generator resulting in failure of allowing a release of 25M gallons of raw sewage

# Expert Trial Witness History of Gerard Muller, P.E., (cont.)

Case Title	Wheeler v. ICON Healtth & Fitness and Sears & Roebuck
Court	Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Richmond
Docket/I.D.	Index No: 113199
No.	
Law Firm/Affy.	Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo/ Paul N. Schlemmer
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	Defendant accused of defective design of an exercise treadmill
Summary	resulting in an injury to a child

Case Title	Center Capital Corp. v. Optima Machine & Design
Court	Bergen County Court House, New Jersey
Docket/I.D.	BER-L-010429-04
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Abe Rappaport/ William Fishkin
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	Defendant accused of profiding a CNC lathe incapable of achieveing
Summary	claimed repeatability tolerance

Case Title	Honeywell v. Hamilton Sundstrand
Court	Federal District Court, Wilmington, DE
Docket/I.D.	03-1153-GMS
No.	
Law Firm/Affy.	Kirkland & Ellis, New York, NY / Jonathan Putnam
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	HS accused of infringing on APU Compressor Surge Control patent.
Summary	

# Expert Trial Witness History of Gerard Muller, P.E., (cont.)

Case Title	Estate of Brandon Jones v. TEPPCO, et al
Court	Court of Common Pleas, Butler County, Ohio
Docket/I.D.	2003-08-2077
No.	
Law Firm/Atty.	Katz, Greenberger & Norton/Richard Norton
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case	Defendant accused of actions resulting in death of a contractor's
Summary	employee

Case Title	Honeywell v. Hamilton Sundstrand
Court	Federal District Court, Wilmington, DE
Docket/I.D. No.	99-309 (GMS)
Law Firm/Atty.	Kirkland & Ellis, New York, NY / Jonathan Putnam
Representing	Plaintiff as an Expert Trial Witness
Case Summary	Remand Proceeding to establish foreseeability of technology

EXHIBIT 13

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC.,

3 Enterprise Avenue Clifton Park

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ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY 385 Washington Street St. Paul, MN 55102

Plaintiffs,

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FISHER CONTROLS INTERNATIONAL, LLC 205 S. Center Street Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Defendant.

C.A. No.: 06-412 SLR

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL DEPOSITIONS OF MICHAEL PETERS AND ALBERT CAPPELLINI

In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a), defendant Fisher Controls International, LLC hereby moves this Court for an order (1) compelling plaintiffs to produce for deposition Albert Cappellini and Michael Peters and (2) ordering plaintiffs and/or plaintiffs' counsel to pay Fisher its costs in bringing this Motion, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

In support of this Motion, Fisher alleges as follows:

1. Fisher duly noted the depositions of Northeast Controls employees Michael Peters and Albert Cappellini and worked with plaintiff's counsel to schedule those depositions at a time and place convenient to the witnesses.

- 2. In a letter dated August 16, 2007, plaintiffs' counsel suddenly changed course and informed Fisher that plaintiffs would <u>not</u> produce those witnesses for depositions.
- 3. Plaintiffs have not provided an adequate reason for their position. Plaintiffs apparently refuse to produce these witnesses because Fisher has filed a motion to amend its counterclaim. The pendency of that motion is irrelevant to the question whether the witnesses should be deposed. Plaintiffs' own claims rest on the testimony of Mr. Peters (president of Northeast Controls). Further, this case arose out of an order processed by Northeast Controls. Mr. Cappellini, an employee of Northeast Controls, was deeply involved in Northeast Controls' handling of that order. Regardless whether the Court grants Fisher's motion to amend its counterclaim, the testimony of Peters and Cappellini is central to the claims and defenses in this action. Given the importance of their testimony, plaintiffs should be compelled to produce them for deposition.
- 4. Counsel for Fisher made a good-faith attempt to resolve this issue before bringing this Motion to Compel. Counsel for plaintiffs has refused to provide a timely response to Fisher's requests that this issue be resolved and the witnesses produced.
- 5. Fisher therefore respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (1) compelling plaintiffs to produce Messrs. Peters and Cappellini for deposition at a time and place of Fisher's choosing (within reason) and (2) ordering plaintiffs and/or plaintiffs' counsel to pay Fisher's costs incurred in bringing this Motion, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- 6. In support of this Motion, Fisher offers the Memorandum of Law, the Affidavit of Daniel J. Gunter filed in support of Defendant's Motion to Amend Counterclaim, and the Affidavit of Daniel J. Gunter filed concurrently with this Motion.

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Date: August 24, 2007

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Paul A. Bradley, Esquire, hereby certify that, on August 24, 2007, I caused a true and correct copy of the Defendant's Motion to Compel Depositions of Michael Peters and Albert Cappellini to be served upon counsel of record via electronic filing.

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# **EXHIBIT 14**

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8/30/07

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RE: NEC v. Fisher

Dear Mr. Wagner,

I am writing to supplement my previous two reports in this matter dated 1/3/05 and 2/22/05.

In my two previous reports I discussed the role of the various materials used in the construction of the valve, the role of the gas velocity through the valve at the time of the incident, the effects of debris in the dead leg of the piping, and the geometric relationship of the various components to the origin of the fire and direction of its propagation. Rather than repeat those discussions here, I incorporate them into the current report by reference.

Since I wrote those reports it has been suggested that even if the non-exempt material used in the construction of the subject valve was not the origin of the fire, the presence of that material aided the spread of the fire, making the fire worse than it otherwise would have been. I do not agree with this conclusion, for the following reasons:

As stated in my 1/3/05 report, I concluded that the origin of the fire was in the carbon steel piping upstream of valve 629 in the 9:00 to 10:00 o'clock position. The bases for this conclusion are stated in that report and will not be repeated here. Given that the fire initiated in the carbon steel pipe, and that the volume and weight of this pipe are very large compared to that of the non-exempt material in the valve, the presence of such a small amount of non-exempt material had no discernible effect on the spread of the fire. Once the fire initiated upstream of valve 629 in the carbon steel, the amount of combustion products flowing through the valve was huge compared to the total amount of non-exempt material in the valve.

In summary, I conclude to a reasonable degree of engineering certainty that the non-exempt material in the valve had no discernible effect on this fire, neither on the initiation nor on the spread of the fire. The final result would have been the same, with or without the non-exempt material in the valve.

Sincerely,

David P. Pope, Ph.D.

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Fuel, Inc.		Monmouth Cnty	

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Lotz v. Signature Farms, et al	2/1/2006	Circuit Crt. of MI, Van Buren Cnty.	04-52-204-NO						
National Mutual Ins. Co. vs. Nat.		US District Crt., Middle District of							
RV Holdings, et al	4/4/2007	PA							
John Schramm vs. SEPTA	4/12/2007	Crt. of Comm. Pleas Phila. County, PA							
Ottaviano vs. Genex, et al	4/24/2007	NY Supreme Crt. Erie Cnty	1999-10365-TP3						
RV Holdings, et al John Schramm vs. SEPTA	4/12/2007	PA Crt. of Comm. Pleas Phila. County, PA	1999-10365-						

## CURRICULUM VITAE David Peter Pope

<u>Education</u>	1961 - B.Sc., Engineering Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., USA 1962 - M.S., Materials Science, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif., USA 1967 - Ph.D., Materials Science, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif., USA
Positions Held January 1967 to July 1968	Post-doctoral Fellow - California Institute of Technology
August 1968	Assistant Professor, School of Metallurgy and Materials Science University of Pennsylvania
July 1973	Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering University of Pennsylvania
July 1982	Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering University of Pennsylvania
July 1984 to Nov. 1988	Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education School of Engineering and Applied Science University of Pennsylvania
Nov. 1988 to June 1992	Chairman, Department of Mechanical Engineering University of Pennsylvania
June 1992 to August 1994	Chairman, Department of Materials Science and Engineering University of Pennsylvania
August 1994 to July 1997	Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education School of Engineering and Applied Science University of Pennsylvania
July 2003 to July 2006	Ombudsman University of Pennsylvania
July 1997 to Present	Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering University of Pennsylvania

#### Honors/Distinctions

National Science Foundation "Creativity Award" Sigma Xi Tau Beta Pi Fellow, ASM International S. Reid Warren Teaching Award, Univ. of PA

### Professional Activities (since 1989)

Member, Advisory Committee, Metals & Ceramics Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 1988-90; Chair, 1990.

Co-organizer, International Symposium on High Temperature Aluminides and Intermetallics, Indianapolis, IN, 10/1-5/89, ASM/AIME

Member, International Committee, International Conference on the Strength of Metals and Alloys, Israel, July 1991.

Member, Board of Directors, Friends of the Wissahickon, 1989-.

Member, Visiting Committee for the Division of Humanities, University of Virginia, School of Engineering and Applied Science, 1989.

Co-organizer, Symposium on Alloy Phase Stability and Design, Materials Research Society, April, 1990.

Co-organizer, Symposium on High Temperature Ordered Intermetallic Alloys, Materials Research Society, November, 1990.

Co-organizer, International Conference on Intermetallic Compounds and Composites, TMS, Fall, 1991.

President, Friends of the Wisshickon, 1992-1998

Chair, Peer Review Committee, Intermetallics Research Program, NASA Lewis 1992. Editorial Board, Journal of Intermetallics, 1992 - 1997.

Co-orginizer, Int'l Conf. on High Temperature Intermetallics, ASM, May 1994 Co-organizer, Int'l Conf. on High Temperature Intermetallics, ASM, May 1997 Organizer, 4th International conference on Ultra-High Purity Metallic-Base Materials, Sept., 1997.

### Research Interests

Deformation and fracture of intermetallic compounds, crystal growth, high temperature fracture, strength of metal-ceramic interfaces, ductile to brittle transition.

# Publications (Recent, from approximately 200 publications)

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# **EXHIBIT 15**

# ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Plaintiffs,

- against-

) CA# CV-06-412

FISHER CONTROLS
INTERNATIONAL, LLC,
Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF NORTHEAST CONTROLS, INC., a Plaintiff, by and through their representative, MICHAEL J. PETERS, conducted pursuant to Notice at the law offices of THORN, GERSHON, TYMANN & BONANNI, 5 Wembley Court, Albany, New York, on October 22, 2007, commencing at approximately 9:30 a.m. before Lynne Billington, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York.

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There are oral discussions between the sales representative and a customer as to specifications for a product. It's also good general business practice to confirm those specifications in writing, isn't it?

Α It is.

And if Praxair and Northeast Controls agreed on a set of specifications for a Fisher product, Northeast Controls would not have made a practice to substitute different specifications to Fisher without first obtaining Praxair's agreement, right?

Correct. Α

In 1998, Northeast Controls understood that 0 Praxair was in the industrial gases industry, correct?

Absolutely. Ά

You understood that part of Praxair's work Q was specifically in the oxygen service industry, correct?

A Yes.

And Northeast Controls did not hold itself 0 out as being an expert in oxygen service, correct?

Α Correct.

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23	B A	Yes. FSUR 0145
22	Guidelin	es for Gaseous Oxygen Service, correct?
21	-	And this document is headed Material
20	Q	Okay.
19	A	I believe I have, yeah.
18	Mr. Pete	rs, have you previously seen that document?
17		Having reviewed Deposition Exhibit 35,
16	Q	Okay.
15		Finished.
14	A	(Witness complies.)
13	you to re	eview that briefly.
12	what's be	een marked as Deposition Exhibit 35, I'd ask
11	Q	(By Mr. Gunter) Mr. Peters, handing you
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9	identific	eation.)
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6	Exhibit 3	5.
5		MR. GUNTER: This is Deposition
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1	Q	Northeast Controls did know, though, that
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1	A Well, you know, I think that, you know,	
2	referring back to some of the questions you had asked	
3	about I may not get them exactly right, but did	
4	the referring to the differences between the Praxair	
5	specifications and the order that was sent to Fisher	
6	and why I mean, and the fact that they were	
7	different. And it's important to point out that for	
8	me to point out, that something probably happened here.	
9	We just don't we just don't take our people, don't	
10	just take a customer specification sheet like that,	
11	ignore it and write the order any way they choose.	
12	Q That would not be your expectation, that that	
13	would occur, right?	
14	A Correct. They just don't write it any way	
15	they choose. There is a reason there is probably a	
16	reason why this order this referring to the	
17	12-inch valve spec sheet	
18	Q You're identifying	
19	A Exhibit 36.	9
20	Q Exhibit 36, yeah.	FSUR 0146
21	A That there's a reason why the Monel trim	FSU
22	wasn't in there.	
23	Q Your expectation would be, though, that the	

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reason for that difference would be documented, wouldn't it?

A You know, I would. And I kind of feel like we're all at a loss as to whose responsibility it was to do the documenting and why we can't lay our hands on it. I'm a little frustrated with that.

But, you know, I think the -- taking a couple of sections here, if you look back at Exhibit 38, this history regarding the 12-inch valve, although it doesn't point it out, Bert says in a couple places, geez, you know, I'm not sure why the difference is.

I think you might be aware that the control valve, as ordered, did comply with Praxair's specifications, their basic specifications for valves for the pressure, pressure drop and temperature of oxygen. And that, you know, more than likely, is probably the cause for the difference. And, you know, Bhim Bhakoo — I mean, there's a lot of business conducted on the phone. Bhim very rarely, I understand, cared to use the electronic facilities like fax and e-mail at the time. And it was a big project for him.

I mean, I don't know who lost it, I don't

know where it is, but it's clear to me that something's missing here. Something is missing. And that the valve that was actually ordered was probably identical to the one for a reason.

Q But you don't know of a document that tells us what that reason is?

A No, I don't.

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And, you know, we just can't find telephone notes; we can't find, you know, other documents and whatnot. But what we do know is that the order for this 12-inch valve just didn't -- just wasn't invented out of thin air. You know, it was changed. There are differences for a reason. And more than likely, the cause for that is the fact that -- would be borne out by the fact that it does comply with the Praxair specifications, not the purchase order, but the specifications which Bert was used to using. So --

- Q So, you agree, though, it doesn't comply with the purchase order, correct?
  - A Correct. I mean, it's right there.
- Q And you agree that Fisher manufactured the valve in accordance with its discussions and information from Northeast Controls, correct?

leaders in oxygen service, correct?

A Sure.

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Q All right.

Mr. Peters, good business practice would have been to have and maintain a document -- let's drop back.

If there were discussions that were other information transmitted by Praxair to Northeast Controls regarding materials of construction for the valve, good business practice would have been to document those discussions in writing, confirm them with the customer, correct?

A Yes.

Q And good business practice would have called to maintain those documents so that they could be found in the event of a dispute with the customer for any reason down the road, correct?

A Yes.

Q And whatever we have at the end of the day, we do not have maintained documentation that connects up the documents initialed by Bhim Bhakoo on behalf of Praxair and the order information as transmitted to Fisher by Northeast Controls for this 12-inch valve,

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A We -- you know, there are things we don't have and there are things that we do have. What we don't have, what you suggested, that's just as clear as a bell. And then -- and then with that said, as I've indicated before, Bert, and his legendary detailed diligence, does not invent specifications. It was there -- it had to be there, in all probability, for a reason.

And then the fact that the 12-inch valve was ordered per Praxair specifications for that pressure and temperature of oxygen service tells me that there was something that was transacted someplace along the way.

Q Again, though, that something that was transacted along the way was not any -- documentation was not retained, correct?

A Well, we can't find it, if it is.

And, you know, you tell me. Was Bhim Bhakoo supposed to -- was Bert's agreement with Bhim Bhakoo that Bhim Bhakoo would send Bert a note and he failed to do that? Was Bert supposed to confirm that back?

Don't know. Can we find phone notes? No. But what we

do -- I don't know that. What we do know is Bert's practices as an employee as an inside engineer is such that he is very, very diligent and doesn't commit errors to that degree.

Q If, in fact, he or someone else at Northeast Controls simply, the term you used, tell me if it's fair, made up specifications, if that happened, that would be a serious error, wouldn't it?

A Terrible. It would be terrible.

Q An error like that would -- I ask you as a business person. You understand that an error like that, first would expose a company to potential litigation simply for a breach of warranty or contract, correct?

A Yeah.

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Q If an incident like the one on May 20th, 2000 at the Delaware City Power Plant repowering project, if that occurs, you can anticipate that — if there is an error like that — that is, simply making up the specifications, that that's likely to result in litigation over that incident and the role of the customer's involvement of the company supplying the product?

## CERTIFICATE

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I, Lynne Billington, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete transcript of the testimony of MICHEAL J. PETERS taken on October 23, 2007 in the proceedings as mentioned in the heading hereof, to the best of my knowledge, and belief

IN WITNESS THEREOF I hereby set my hand this 30th day of October, 2007.

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LYNNE BILLINGTON, Notary Public

My commission expires: December 14, 2010

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23	MR. WAGNER: Same as we had in the other	
22	MR. GUNTER: Same as we had yesterday.	
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20	interrupt.	FSUR 0154
19	MR. WAGNER: I'm sorry, Counsel, to	54
18	A Northeast Controls.	
17	Q And by whom are you employed?	
16	A Yes.	
15	Q Are you currently employed?	
14	A 868 Edgewater Drive, Amherst, New York 14228.	
13	Mr. Cappellini?	
12	Q And what is your residence address,	
11	A Albert Cappellini, C-a-p-p-e-l-l-i-n-i.	
10	name and spell your last name for the record, please?	
9	Q Mr. Cappellini, could you state your full	
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7	BY MR. GUNTER:	
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- But this document purports to have been sent to Bert at Northeast Controls, correct?
  - Α Correct.
- And it would have been your practice in June of 1998 to receive a document such as this from Praxair, correct?
  - Correct. Yeah.
- And do you have any reason to think that you did not receive this document from Praxair?
  - Yes. I mean, I -- could have been that I did not receive this document directly, since it was a purchase order; so, it would be handled by someone else in the office.
  - 0 It would have gone to Northeast Controls, correct?
- 18 Α Yeah.
  - Would this document have been transmitted by Northeast Controls to Fisher?
- 21 Α No.
  - Let's turn to -- and here, if you look down at the bottom, there are Bates stamps on these, and if

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1	Q	We have a drawing number, A-2272740, and
2	that's o	dated 6/3/98, correct?
3	A	Yes.
4	Q	And if we look back to Exhibit 47 see
5	that?	
6	A	Uh-huh.
7	Q	And if we look at that, we see at NECF
8	116, ri	ght, we see Drawing Number A-2272740, correct?
9	A	Correct.
10	Q	And that's the same drawing number that's
11	identif:	ied in Exhibit 37 at NECF 159, correct?
12	A	Correct.
13	Q	Okay.
14		And the drawing is dated 6/3/98, correct? It
15	is at N	ECF 116.
16	A	Yes.
17	Q	And that is the date identified in the
18	purchase	e order at 6/3/98, correct?
19	A	Yes.
20	Q	It would have been Northeast Controls'

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practice in June 1998 to review the purchase order and

to enter the order on the Fisher OPS in accordance with

the customer's purchase order, correct?

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- Q And that practice would have called for entering the order on the Fisher OPS in accordance with the document that is identified as Drawing A-2272740 dated 6/3/98, correct?
  - A Yes.
- Q And we have one document that's identified as Drawing A-2272740 and dated 6/3/98, correct?
  - A Correct.
- 10 Q And we've identified a number of times what
  11 the disk, seat, guide and stem material are on that
  12 document, correct?
  - ll A Yes.
- Q And those are Monel and Monel/PTFE for the seat material, correct?
- 16 A Yes, they are.
  - Q You had a subsequent communication regarding the 83HV0629 valve with Fisher, correct? Before 5/20/2000, you spoke with Mr. --
  - You're looking blank there. Let me try again.
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q You spoke with Mr. Dave Whalen regarding the

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Q And we see that the -- well, we don't need to go through them again. We've gone through them many times.

You were able, on May 22, 2000, to determine the materials of construction for the HV0629 valve, correct?

A On May 22nd?

Q May 22nd, 2000, you were able to identify those materials of construction?

A Yes.

Q And you informed Praxair of those materials of construction?

A Yes, I did.

Q A couple more minutes with Exhibit 36 and Praxprod 42 in there.

Looking at Exhibit 36 at Praxprod 42, we look up at the top, we see that -- under Line 3 we see P1, psia 1167 maximum and normal level 1167. You see that?

A Yes.

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Q And you, at that time, tried to capture the information that you had in your memory as to the product history for the valve, 12-inch valve that we've been discussing today --

A Correct.

Q -- correct? Okay.

And we start off with a -- with -- in the first paragraph you, quote, explain a little bit about the process that we go through with Praxair on how valves are speced and quoted, correct?

A Correct.

Q And that talks generally about the process for purchasing — excuse me, for the placement of an order by Praxair for a Fisher valve through Northeast Controls, right?

A Yes. Yeah.

Q Now, then we continue down into the body of the second paragraph, and we've covered this some today with the documents, but if we look down about a third, maybe not quite halfway in and see -- if I can direct you there, directing your attention into the middle of the second paragraph, there's a sentence that starts

6/24/98, you get the confirming purchase order in writing on 6/26/98, right?

A Correct.

Q And that would have been the practice when you got an order from Praxair, if it was made verbally or orally, that order would then be followed up with a written purchase order, right?

A Right.

Q If there was an oral -- or some people call it verbal purchase order, verbal instruction for a purchase order, and there wasn't a written confirmation of the purchase order following, a written purchase order following, you'd follow up -- somebody at Northeast Controls would follow up with Praxair and ask where the written purchase order was, right?

A Correct.

Q Okay. Let's return to Exhibit 38 and that second paragraph -- or last paragraph on Page 2, quote, an order then was sent in to Fisher Controls, period. The order went through Fisher Marshalltown order entry system and was detailed per what we had requested on the order and a serial card was generated, right? See that?

4-inch valve was speced and constructed ...

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Q So, this indicates that the change was to the -- that what you're referring to here was to the 12-inch valve, right?

A If that's -- I don't know. I can't -- if that's the way I was writing this, I just don't --

Q You don't recall right now, right? You don't recall right -- one way or another right now whether it was a 4-inch or the 12-inch?

A Right. I don't remember what I was writing here and what I was thinking at the point.

Q In June and July 1998, it was the practice of Northeast Controls to transmit to Fisher the specifications for product that was being ordered by a customer that would match the specifications agreed to by Northeast Controls and the customer, right?

- A The practice? Yes. Yeah.
- Q That was your practice. Yeah.

You wouldn't transmit to Fisher specifications for a product that differed from the specifications agreed to by Northeast Controls and its customer, right?

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A No.

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Q No? What would those be?

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A You mean the part numbers for the valve?

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A In Northeast terms, or Fisher terms, it would be the model number of all the components.

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Q Okay. Would have called for you -- good practice would have called for you to review this

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purchase order, which is Exhibit 37, against buyer's

drawing A-2272740 dated 6/3/98, correct?

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A Correct.

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Q And if you had reviewed buyer's drawing A-2272740 dated 6/3/98, the document which we've looked at -- if you want to look at it again, we can pull it out of Exhibit 36, Praxprod 42 -- that would have

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called for an order on Fisher for valve HV0629 to have

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Monel disk, seat material of Monel/PTFE, guide material

of Monel and stem material of Monel, correct?

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A This spec sheet would have indicated that?

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Q And this purchase order. This purchase order

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combined with the spec sheet would have indicated that, correct?

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A If you're comparing the drawing numbers and

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Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete transcript of the testimony of ALBERT CAPPELLINI taken on October 24, 2007 in the proceedings as mentioned in the heading hereof, to the best of my knowledge, and belief

IN WITNESS THEREOF I hereby set my hand this 30th day of October, 2007.

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# EXHIBIT 17

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Date	Author	Topic	Subject	Free Form Subject	Clmt (Level)			
09/26/2006 11:18:05	JEFFREY W FROCK - 007	Litigation/Legal	Completed Attorney Retention		003 INJ - RONALD OLSEN			
Panel counsel was retained to initiate a contractual indemnity action against Fisher Controls.								
09/15/2006 15:59:15	JEFFREY W FROCK - 007	Investigation	Evidence		002 INJ - RONALD OLSEN			
We have received Fisher's Answer. Their Answer included a Counterclaim against us. Our defense attorney, Tom Wagner, is now in the process of drafting his Reply to Fisher's Counterclaim. Oddly, the Counterclaim is not seeking money damages. They are simply seeking a credit towards any reimbursement they have to pay to us.  Once our Reply is filed, we will then proceed with preparing an filing a Motion and/or brief with the Court to enforce the terms of the contract between our insured and Fisher and seek indemnification from Fisher of our								
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08/07/2006 13:04:43	JEFFREY W FROCK - 007	Resolution Plan	Resolution Strategy		RONALD OLSEN			
I received a return call from our Subrogation Department. They informed me that they do not handle liability claims pursuing recovery. Thus, I will continue to handle and monitor our efforts of recovery.								
08/07/2006 13:03:46	JANE WOODS - 295	Management Review	File Management		000 FILE LEVEL			
In Ron's absence, I called Jeff and advised that because this is a liability claim, the file will stay with the field office for pursuit of recovery.								
08/07/2006 11:13:10	JEFFREY W FROCK - 007	Resolution Plan	Resolution Strategy		003 INJ - RONALD OLSEN			
I placed a call into Ron Hoeck in our Subro Dept to see if this is a case his unit should be handling now that all claims by plaintiffs have been resolved. Ron was not in. I left message to call me back.								
08/07/2006 11:11:55	JEFFREY W FROCK - 007	Litigation/Legal	Contacted Defense Counsel		003 INJ - RONALD OLSEN			
File is being reviewed on diary. Our defense counsel, Bill Cattie \$ Tom Wagner have initiated our contractual indemnification suit for defense and indemnity against Fisher Controls. We are waiting for Fisher to file their Answer to the Complaint.								
I assume we will attempt to file a Motion to get the Court to rule upon the enforceability of the Representative Agreement between our insured and Fisher.								
If the court does not grant our Motion, we will attempt to negotiate a FSUR 016 compromise and consider mediation.								
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